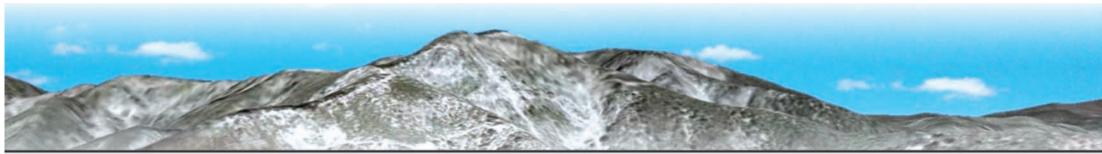
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One Carter and Stonehouse Properties Investors and
Creditors Each Seek Sale Date; Dorn-Platz Fights For Control Story and Photo By S. Henderson



**The State of Sierra Madre:** The above picture depicts just about everything on the minds of residents lately. The banner on the home of Teryl Willis says, "God Bless Firefighters"; The hillside behind the home barely escaped the wrath of the Santa Anita fire. The property borders the One Carter Development (right) where the hillsides were burned (background). The fate of the ownership of the project may be determined as early as May 7th by an LA Superior Court judge.

Platz as the managing member of the the next day. developments, but also to foreclose on The sale, originally scheduled for May 2, the properties to protect their investment 2008 has been postponed until a hearing from creditors, were temporarily delayed on Dorn-Platz's request for a Preliminary by Sierra Madre Investors, LP (SMI), and meeting.

Investors in the One Carter and to prevent the scheduled meeting for On April 25, 2008, a special meeting Stonehouse Projects, in a series of moves removal of Dorn-Platz as the managing of One Carter Investors, LLC was held intended to not only remove Dorn- member of One Carter Investors, LLC. to remove Dorn-Platz Properties, Inc. as the managing member. Sierra Madre Investors, LLC is scheduled to replace Dorn-Platz.

In another related matter, Capital Source by Dorn-Platz in Superior Court on April Injunction can be heard on May 7th at Funding has also issued a Notice Of 24th. Dorn-Platz filed for a Temporary 9:30 am. However, the judge denied Dorn- Default on the properties and scheduled Restraining Order to prevent foreclosure Platz's request to prevent the removal a non-judicial foreclosure sale on May 7, 2008. At press time, (cont. pg. 3)

### Officials Caution Residents Mop Up and Restoration Efforts Begin

By Dean Lee

Fire officials said Friday that although the 584 acre brushfire above the city's foothills was fully contained, both the mop up phase and the burn area evaluation/ restoration phase have just begun. According to Fire Prevention Specialist Nathan Judy of the U.S. Forest Service Firefighters will most likely be here for another two weeks.

Judy said firefighters will survey the burn area looking for smoldering bushes and tree roots. He said most of the effected areas were not a "clean burn" meaning some vegetation was still left on the hillside unscathed. He pointed out patches of green within the burn area clearly visible from downtown saying they still had the potential to ignite if winds were to pick up. Only about 50 percent of the contained area caught fire.

The mop up phase is a labor-intensive process in which crews cut down dead trees and dig up any smoldering tree roots. Fire can burn for long periods of time deep within a root system he explained. Although in this case the area was very steep Hazmat teems will go in looking for dumped waste, abandoned vehicles or unknown structures in the area.

Rehabilitation will now be up to private land owners according to Kathy Peterson of the U.S. Forest Service. Only 180 acres of U.S. Forest Service land burned and at least 300 acres is needed to trigger the USFS Burn Area Emergency Recovery (BAER) program. She also said 346 acres burned in Sierra Madre and the rest was privately owned land. Because of the circumstances, only part of their BAER team will be

"The Forest Service plans to bring in a BAER geologist and he will evaluate and assess the slop stability," Peterson said. "And then he will write up his finding within seven days."

She noted that the report would be given to the Natural Resources Conservation Services Agency, an agency to help private land owners in situations like this. Anyone wanting information or help should call 661-945-2604. The Conservation Service does assessments similar to the BAER program looking at the potential of flooding or other soil and slop

City Manager Elaine Aguilar

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### Eph Konigsberg To Be Celebrated Friday As | City Clerk Recount: Sierra Madre's Older American of the Year



Sierra Madre's Older American of the Year Eph Konigsberg in his garden. Photo by Mike Tomlinson

By Bill Coburn

The Senior Community Commission recently named Eph Konigsberg its Older American of the Year. The vote was unanimous. Konigsberg will be honored with a reception in his name on Friday, May 9th at the Senior Center in Memorial Park, from 4:30 to 6pm. Some of the previous winners include Jim Heasley, Loyal Camacho, George Throop, John Grijalva, Joy-Louise Harte Smith, Lucile Flanders, Midge Morash and last year's honoree, Russ

Mr. Konigsberg was born in Shanghai, China, and moved to the Philippines at the age of four months. His father, who was born in what is now the Ukraine, had found his way to Shanghai where he met Eph's mother (after two stints as a prisoner of war during WWI). He was recruited as a cantor and an un-ordained rabbi for a synagogue in Manila. "They couldn't afford a rabbi, but they could afford a cantor for the high holidays (cont. page 3)

Sierra Madre

## Shollenberger Wins By 12 Votes

By Dean Lee

Nancy Shollenberger picked up three votes during last Tuesday's recount, widening her lead over challenger Karma Bell who only received one additional vote. Shollenberger and Bell sat quietly as ballots were opened and read aloud. The recount took four hours. After the final tally was given, Shollenberger once again thanked her supporters. "Now we can have the victory party," she told everyone. Bell congratulated her as they shook hands.

The final count was Nancy Shollenberger 1,373 votes and Karma Bell 1,361.

Candidate Karma Bell requested and paid for the manual recount. To the surprise of many, Martin and Chapman Co. the orginal consultants for the election, were also selected to oversee the recount, despite the fact that the company expressed no interest in participating in the manual tabulation and verification of the results. They put in no bid and had no representation at the last council meeting. Two other firms, did submit proposals.

During the council meeting, after lengthy discussions, it was decided, at the urging of Councilmember Mary Ann MacGillivray that Martin and Chapman would also manage the recount. MacGillivray also asked that the city attorney not be present during the recount, and that any attorney fees be taken out of the cost.

Councilmember John Buchanan said he did not think this was financially a smart move.

"If the recount goes, and the election goes the other way as a result of the recount, the city ends up footing the bill," he said. "So, effectively we are committing the city to spending perhaps three times more than we need to." (cont. on page 3)

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### Sierra Madre/Santa Anita Fire as of Friday, May 2, 2008

#### **Basic Information**

Incident Type	Wildland Fire
Cause	Under Investigation
Date of Origin	04/26/2008 at 1500 hrs.
Location	City of Sierra Madre and Angeles National Forest (Los Angeles County)
Incident Commander	Dave Fiorella
Current S	ituation

Culteric Situation	
Total Personnel	699
Size	584 acres
Percent Contained	100% Expected Friday, May 2, 2008
Fuels Involved	Brush, chaparral and light timber.
Injuries	5 Minor
Significant Events	Evacuation boundary was extended west to Michillinda Avenue in Sierra Madre. As of 8:00 p.m. Monday April 28, evacuations will be lifted for homes

The Santa Anita Fire is now 100% contained. Firefighters completed a fire line around the fire yesterday, and ensured that a 200 foot swath tinside that line was cold to the touch. Most of the crews and engines have already departed; fire camp at the Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area will disappear shortly. Two crew and two engines from the Angeles NF will patrol the fire area throughout the

Members of the Southern California Interagency Incident Management Team 3 would like to sincerely thank the citizens and businesses of the City of Sierra Madre, governement cooperators and all those supported us with their care and concern in suppressing the fire so successfully.

The Santa Anita Fire started on Saturday April 26, 2008 at approximately 3:00pm in the foothills of City of Sierra Madre located adjacent to the Angeles National Forest. The fire spread quickly upslope in both a northwesterly and northeasterly direction due to warm températures, wind and low humidity. On Sunday April 27, 2008 Southern California Interagency Incident Management Team 3 assumed command of the fire. The fire's managment was returne to the Angeles National Forest on May 2, 2008.

Trail Closures:

All trails on the Angeles NF are now open

All trails in the City of Sierra Madre remain closed until further notice

**Incident Priorities:** 

To provide for public and firefighter safety.

Be sensitive to the concerns of the public and communities at risk and keep them informed.

Protect threatened and endangered species.

Fiscal responsibility will be factored into fire line decision making

Agencies Involved:

US Forest Service (USFS)

City of Sierra Madre Fire Department

California Dept. of Forestry & Fire Protection (Cal-Fire)

City of Sierra Madre Police Department Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Southern California Interagency Incident Management Team 3

Dave Fiorella & Steve Heydorff Unified Incident Commanders

### Recent Events Bring Renewed Interest In Restoring Sierra Madre's Fire Horn Former Mayor George Maurer Tells Us The Reasons Why

Dear Council:

In order to justify our request to reactivate the 'fire horn' we thought it prudent to provide some background for those who are not familiar with the device.

The early signal for assembling the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team or Fire Department was the ringing of the bell in the belfry of the old 'North Church'. This was in addition to the phone system in which the telephone switchboard operator notified the firemen's home phone of the emergency. It is our understanding that the phone company, General Water and Telephone, (Drip and Tinkle) requested to be excluded because of liability. This system was replaced by the diaphragm horn that was placed in the 'hose tower' of the fire station after it was completed at 55 west Sierra Madre Blvd. in 1927. The horn was referred to as the '700 pound bullfrog'.

This signal permitted a 'fire code' to be sounded in which a certain number of blows would indicate a particular cross section of streets from which the fire could be spotted by the firefighters. Every household had a chart inside their kitchen cabinet door, to satisfy their curiosity, and referred to it whenever the horn sounded.

There also were sirens mounted on the old city hall and one at the city yards basically for civil defense purposes.

Even after the firemen were provided with Plectron radios the ISO (Insurance Service Organization) insisted that the horn continue in use to notify firemen, not at home, of the emergency. A blackboard was hung in front of the station by the first fireman to arrive, indicating the location of the fire. Later on, the firemen were issued personal pagers but the ISO suggested continued use of the horn as an insurance backup. It was also tested every evening at 7 o'clock, along with the radio system. Eventually it was changed to test at noon.

'Newbie' firefighters were conned by the older members to 'yank' the lanyard to turn the light on in the hose tower. In reality it was hooked to the horn and the chief would fine the 'newbie' at the next fire meeting \$5 for 'blowing the horn'.

The fire dispatcher controlled two buttons, one to open the fire house doors and one to operate the horn. Sometimes the dispatcher would neglect to hit the signal at the test time and her switchboard would light up. Members of the Kiwanis Club paid one of their members to put a time clock on the horn. He 'messed up' and crossed the wiring and every day at noon the fire doors would open and the dispatcher still had to operate the horn manually.

The horn was relocated to the North Baldwin parking lot after the new fire station was erected on West Sierra Madre Blvd. Its use was discontinued shortly thereafter but residents petitioned the city council to have the horn returned to use. 'Sierra Madre College' 'students' and 'graduates' wore t-shirts promoting its restoration. It is now disabled and tradition-lovers and 'old timers' hope to have this 75-year-plus

tradition returned. The horn has always been oriented to the north in order to have it ricochet off the mountains. When the horn was relocated, because the new fire station was across from a convalescent home, the tall building to the north didn't exist and it might be prudent to reorient it to the east.

With the addition of an antenna and radio receiver that could be activated by the police dispatcher or OEC center, the horn could be used to notify the residents of an impending disaster by combining it with TV city channel 3. For instance: In case of extreme brush fire, with down slope or North winds, to warn of possible fire brands, notifying residents to close garage doors and openings; not to turn on sprinklers just because of seeing smoke in the foothills as it overtaxes the water system. Also think about the remote, but possible, break in the MWD pipe line that runs down Liliano and across the length of Grandview, crisscrossed by fault lines.

Then there is a possible failure of the hillside panels (surplus airstrip landing mats from World War ll) installed many years ago by volunteer firefighter Tom Burris, Ambose Zarro (the 'Trailmaster'), and other volunteers, to retard mudflow, from portions of the Mt. Wilson Trail and outcroppings.

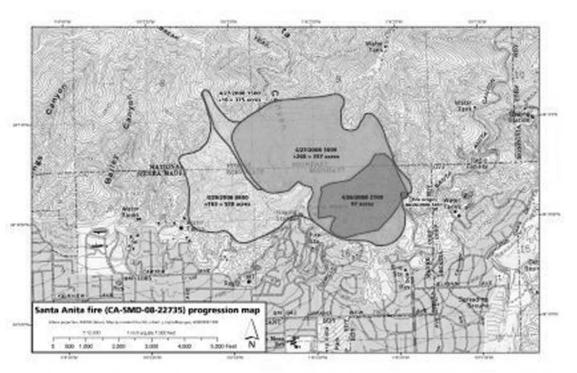
Undoubtedly, many years from now, scientists will be able to predict earthquakes with a few minutes warning and what an asset this system would be. The uses of the horn, combined with our city television channel, for emergency notification is almost endless.

At a recent meeting the local Kiwanis Club, which has been associated in the past with the horn, pledged funds to refurbish and reactivate this 75-year-plus tradition if the city will put it back in service.

Sincerely,

George Maurer, Member Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club

#### Fire Progression Map



From The South Coast Air Quality Management District:

#### **Unhealthful Air Quality Forecast Due to Sierra Madre Wildfire**

Smoke from the Sierra Madre wildfire burning in the San Gabriel Valley area of Los Angeles County is forecast to create unhealthy air quality today in the eastern San Gabriel Valley area of Los Angeles County.

All individuals are urged to exercise caution and avoid unnecessary outdoor activities in the smoke-impacted area and areas that can see and smell smoke.

Wildfires generate smoke containing fine particulates known as PM10 and PM2.5. Concentrations of fine particulates may reach the Unhealthy-Sensitive or higher level in the smoke impacted areas.

What to Do When Air Pollution Reaches Unhealthy Levels

In areas with UNHEALTHY-SENSITIVE air quality, sensitive or susceptible persons, such as those with heart or lung disease, should minimize outdoor activity.

In areas with UNHEALTHY air quality, everyone should discontinue prolonged, vigorous outdoor exercise lasting longer than one hour. Examples of the kinds of outdoor activities that should be avoided are calisthenics, basketball, running, soccer, football, tennis, swimming laps, and water polo. Susceptible persons, such as those with heart or lung disease, should avoid outdoor activity entirely.

For more tips on avoiding health impacts from the smoke, see http://www. aqmd.gov/pubinfo/factsheets.htm on AQMD's website.

AQMD is the air pollution control agency for Orange County and major portions of Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

#### A Message For Residents:

As you know, in California, wildfires are generally followed by mudslides and flooding when the rainy season arrives. Now is the time to begin rainy season preparations, if you live adjacent to or near the burn area.

Representatives of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works will be visiting Sierra Madre residents and providing advice on home protection and mudslide awareness. Please make use of the free advice provided; County staff has a great deal of experience in dealing with the aftermath of

The County also provides on-line advice at: http://www.ladpw.org/wmd/HomeOwners/intro.cfm

The Sierra Madre Public Works Department has begun its preparations for the rainy season already, and advises residents to do the same.

It's not too soon - don't wait 'til it's too late!

If you live outside the areas that may be effected by mudslides, are of able body, and would like to sign up in advance to assist in sandbag placement and other storm relief activities, please contact Suzi McConnell or James Carlson of the Sierra Madre Public Works Department at 626.355.7135

We are forming the Sierra Madre Volunteer Sandbag Corps.

**Remember-** Protect yourself and your property. Prepare well in advance.

Do not rely solely on the City, as our limited resources will

likely be overwhelmed.



From Chris and Dick Bertrand: "I took this picture yesterday when we returned home. It shows how close the fire came to our neighborhood. The red is the retardant dropped on the mountain. To the right is bare rock and ash. We are 88% contained per the city emailed update this morning, with helicopters still regularly flying above. The security management was to be lifted at 6 a.m. this morning, with the police cars posted at each street, released to return to their home cities. Many thanks to all the agencies, including far away cities lending personnel for management."

**CAUTION** (cont. from page 1)

said representatives from the LA County Flood Control District had surveyed part of the area Thursday. She said their findings would be given to the city. The city was still in a state of emergency until the city council officially declares it over.

Fire Marshall Rich Snyder said all efforts would most likely be interagency something Aguilar agreed with although he did say the city's Fire Safe Council would not be involved. He said the council's focus was fire prevention not recovery. He also said they were having their regular Monthly Fire Safe Council Monday night 7 p.m. in City

Judy said all hiking trails in the area were closed for safety reasons including the Mt. Wilson Trail and Bailey Canyon Park.

Chantry Flat, the alleged origin of the fire, is also closed and could remain so longer due to an ongoing investigation he said.

Michelle Keith, the city's Director of Community and Personnel Services said the annual Mt. Wilson Trail Race, at the end of the month, will still happen. Most of the race goes along the Mt. Wilson Trail 4.3 miles to Orchard Champ and then back down. Plans are being made to define what course runners will take this year. In the past the course has been changed by erosion, fires, and earthquakes. At press time this year's route was unknown.

For more information, call Sierra Madre Community Services at 626-355-5278 or visit www.mountwilsontrailrace.com.

### It's Still Nano Time

By Rich Johnson

How long has it been since I mentioned my favorite restaurant Nano's? January I think. That's when I shared with you that Nano's is changing their name and was soliciting suggestions. What success. 781 different people offered over 550 ideas for the perfect new name. A new name has been chosen. And all will be revealed soon. Plus, two people will win \$100 gift cards to Nano's

or should I say the new restaurant. One person will be drawn from the pool of those who suggested the name decided upon. And one person will be drawn from everyone who submitted a suggestion.

I haven't had luck motivating our very own Peter Dills to review Nano's. Maybe he is waiting until the name changes. And for the record, I have no ownership stake in the restaurant. I'm like the rest of the regulars: I'm investing in it one meal at a time. And there is a large group of regulars who go there all the time. If you haven't been yet I highly recommend you go in the evening. They serve what may very well be the best meals I have ever had. (no exaggeration). And here are my suggestions:

1. The filet of sole. Anyone who knows me would be surprised at my selection. I hate filet of sole...or did. My mother had a perfect recipe that turned it into shoe leather. In fact, I had to be double dared to try the fish. Oh my gosh, its prepared in a lemon cream sauce that is extraordinary. And the bottom of the filet is grilled to have a slight crunchiness that certainly titillates the senses (Mine anyway). It's served with mashed potatoes and vegetables. My suggestion is to substitute the vegetables for the sautéed spinach. That brings up another nice thing about Nano's. They try to be accommodating. You want something slightly different its usually no problem. I think they are more interested in making you a regular customer than squeezing you for as much as they can.

2. Chicken Piccata. This is the chicken version of the filet of sole. It is served in a equally wonderful lemon sauce with capers. Unbelievably good. I talked a couple into ordering chicken piccata the other night and they liked it so much they wanted to pay for my dinner. (I wouldn't let them.) It comes with the mashed potatoes and sautéed spinach. Cost \$10.95

3. Rib Eye Steak. I have had the rib eye at the Derby, Macaroni Grill, Steer and Ale, Ruth's Chris, Lozanos and other good restaurants. This is as good as anywhere. And it's a good size piece of meat. I might point out that Nano's does not offer soup and/or salad with their entrees. What they DO offer instead is bigger portions of their entrees. It's a fair trade as far as I am concerned. Cost \$16.95

They have many other great entrees. In fact, right now, owner Oscar is asking customers to suggest new items for the restaurant. Oscar also wants to host your bigger groups and even cater functions for you. If it weren't such an shameless plug I would tell you the number there is (626) 351-0388.

FORECLOSURE (cont.from pg. 1) no postponement of that sale had been scheduled.

#### **Numerous Contract Breaches**

In the court filings, SMI alleges numerous breaches to the agreements executed b by Greg Galletly, President of DPPI including:

- (1) Obtaining financing for the projects without written approval of the SMI;
- (2) Pledging the collateral supporting the SMI investments to Capsource without written approval;
- (3) Entering into contracts with Laing Luxury Homes without written approval;
- (4) Entering into third party contracts to sell the Stonehouse Property without writte approval;
- (5) Eentering into the Capsource loan agreements without written approval;
- (6) Entering into Dorn-Platz Development Agreement without written approval;
- (7) Entering into an Option agreement regarding the residence and the barn in favor of Insatiable assets without written approval;
- (8) Entering into a Capsource Profit Participation Agreement without the written consent of the investors;
- (9) Entering into the One Carter agreements with the City of Sierra Madre without the written approval of the investors;
- (10) Defaulting on the Capsource Loan Agreement, refusing to cure the default or otherwise cooperate with Capsource and the One Carter investors members to work out a deal with Capsource;
- (11) Refusing to provide informational and financial statements of One Carter Investors and related entities on demand; and
- (12) and/or "otherwise engaging in serious mismanagment and causing waste to One Carter Investors, LLC".

In the Declaration in Opposition to DPPI's attempt to stop the SMI foreclosure, SMI indicates that the equity provided by the investors and Capsource loans were

to have been sufficient for completing the projects. "Further, due to Mr. Galletly's malfeasance or worse, the equity in One Carter and Stonehouse Homes, first pledged by Mr. Galletly to Sierra Madre Investors and subsequently pledged as additional collateral to Capsource is subject to a Capsource foreclosure sale on May 7, 2008."

#### Second Foreclosure

Capital Source Finance, referred to as CapSource in court documents, made loans totalling approximately \$38 million dollars to One Carter Investors, LLC. Of those funds, \$29 million was for the One Carter Project and \$9 million was for the Stonehouse Project. Dorn-Platz has defaulted on interest payments of approximately \$417,000 to CapSource. As a result of the default, CapSource has scheduled a foreclosure sale for May 7th.

The investor group bringing the first action, Sierra Madre Investors, LP, (SMI) is the largest investor in the project and is trying to protect its' equity prior to the Capsource foreclosure. Sierra Madre Investors, LP are currently owed approximately \$5.6 million dollars plus interest in the amount of \$1,863.67 per day as of February 1.

SMI initially funded \$4.4 million dollars and has a 62.86% interest in the project. Dorn-Platz (DPPI), invested \$2 million dollars and has a 28.57% membership interest in the project. In the initial agreements, Dorn-Platz was also selected to be the sole manager of the properties.

The Capsource foreclosure is scheduled on the same day as the Preliminary Injunction Hearing. Should it proceed, the SMI equity will be lost.

#### One Carter/Stonehouse Future

It is unclear what impact a change of management/ownership will have upon either the One Carter Project or The Stonehouse Homes Project. It is also unclear what impact such changes will have on the existing litigation. Dorn-Platz has no less that seven lawsuits filed against the City of Sierra Madre over the projects.

Calls placed to Dorn-Platz were not returned at press time.

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**EPH KONIGSBERG** (from pg. 1) ...he went there, and when they heard him, including three terms as Chair. they decided they had to have him all the time, plus he had the classic rabbinical training, though he wasn't ordained...courtesy of the Austrian government (WWI had interrupted his schooling)..."

At fourteen, Eph left the Philippines for the U.S., leaving his family behind. The original thought was for him to live with his uncle and his uncle's family, but conditions were too crowded. He found a place to live, with room and board for \$37.50 a month, and his father sent him \$40/month. He began working selling newspapers to supplement the stipend he received from his father. He began attending Hollywood High School. "I was very happy at Hollywood High School, they were good," said Konigsberg. "I was treated very well, I was not treated like a stranger. I don't know how many countries in the world would welcome someone from another country and I was on the debate squad...the senior council....they treated me well, they treated me as if I was one

During his time on the debate squad, he made quite an impression. When former Secretary of State Warren Christopher was asked about Konigsberg more than sixty years after the two attended high school together, he responded that "He was part of a very good debate team, one year ahead of us, Cooper and Konigsberg...I remember him very, very favorably, he was very smart."

Konigsberg attended USC on scholarship and studied mechanical engineering. Included in his time at USC, was a year in which he took 63 semester units, nearly double the normal load of 32, while holding down part-time jobs, also. 'That was the most pleasant year of my life. It was under intense pressure, but I was doing what I loved. I'm an engineer and I like being an engineer. Sort of a semi-retired engineer, but..." Eventually he began his own business. Konigsberg's Pasadena based company Konigsberg Instruments, Inc., which engages in biomedical and human instrumentation, Christmas. Disease, and he holds patents on two products that he invented.

Eph moved to Sierra Madre shortly after graduating in 1959, and within a couple years began getting involved. He sat on three commissions to establish a tree ordinance, one of the only people appointed to serve on all three commissions. The first two attempts failed, but on the third try, with the help of Konigsberg and local landscaper Lew Watanabe, the commission put together an ordinance that the City Council could

Since then, he has been involved in many facets of the community. "I've been big in Libraries all my life, worked in them, even as a kid in the Philippines," said Konigsberg. "Our national library was underneath the Legislature...I still have a book here which I bought separately, that I first read there, called good book by the way...I joined the Friends of in computers, but works for a large company. the Library, and I think I became a life member almost right away..." In addition, this year Konigsberg is completing his 4<sup>th</sup> full term plus a partial on the Library Board of Trustees,

He proposed that the City administration set up an ad hoc committee to underground the utilities on Baldwin Ave., which many of the residents today take for granted. When asked what was the most under-rated accomplishment of his time in office, former Mayor Doug Hayes stated that "The most under-rated accomplishment that stands out in my mind was the under grounding of the utilities on North Baldwin Avenue. People in town don't notice it anymore because they are gone, but Baldwin Avenue north of Montecito and all the way to Carter was lined with big ugly utility poles. There were many who were involved with that process and it was a huge bundle of paperwork that was required to get them removed and to get the phone, electric and cable companies to cooperate and get the work done. I, personally, had very little to do with it, but those who toughed out the process did wonders for our town. It made a huge difference in the way our town looks...There were a lot of unsung heroes who took years to get that completed. It's hard to imagine that they were there not that long ago. That was a big improvement that now gets overlooked." Konigsberg was one of the leaders on that "unsung" committee, and is proud that when the downtown was recently revamped, the powers that be chose to use the same light standards that his committee had chosen some years ago.

Said Konigsberg "I'm a member of Kiwanis, and I've been president once, I think I was the worst president they ever had." He's a member of the Historical Preservation Society. He's a member of the Garden Club and the Sierra Madre Environmental Action Committee. He served on the ad hoc Transportation Committee. He served on a technical committee to evaluate the Police and Fire Department. He edited the Youth Master Plan and the Library Master Plan. He was involved with the Senior Master Plan.

He is also a member of the Sierra Madre celebrated its 40th year in business last Community Foundation. He was nominated Among other products, by Kiwanis to sit on a formation committee. Konigsberg developed the instrumentation Bill Messersmith nominated him to be the which helps define Gastroesophogeal Reflux Founding Chair, and he served two terms+ as Chair.

He was also involved with the City's first attempt at being named an All-America City. "The big thing about Sierra Madre is that much civic activity has been run by older, retired folks. Not the All-America City. At the meetings...and to my great delight, a whole bunch of young people were interested.... they did this, they did that, and at that point I sort of bowed out. I was in the first thing, but on the second one I bowed out, because these kids had much more energy than I did, bright ideas...I think the future, never mind the arguments we have today, the future of Sierra Madre is going to be just fine with those young kids. They're great...

He has three children, Robert (Bob), born in 1950, Katie, born in '52 and Jerry born in 1955. Bob has his own computer business and lives in Los Gatos, Katie also has her own business 'The Vagabond Journey Around the World,' a in sales, and lives in Reno, and Jerry is also Konigsberg's third wife passed away in 1983. "I've met some very nice women, but being married three times, that's enough. I'm very happy being a bachelor."

#### **RECOUNT** continued from page 1

Anticipating no change,

MacGillivray said that having challenger Karma Bell put up the money, the city would not be absorbing any of the cost. She also blamed the city for not getting the estimate, saying Martin and Chapman were not at fault.

A number of residents said Martin and Chapman should at least be the people to unseal the ballots, which they were, having been the ones who sealed them initially.

In the letter requesting a recount, Bell explains, "I hereby request that all records related to this election, including voter rolls, all absentee and provisional ballots and envelopes, as well as ballots cast at the polls, be immediately removed from the possession of the elections official, the City Clerk, and placed within the secured custody of our City Attorney or her designated representative."

Martin and Chapman used Opto-Mark, the most accurate technology according to them, to count ballots, although another unidentified source later correctly predicted any hand counting would come out different for a number of reasons.

The source said he worked many elections and it was his policy not to get involved with any challenge made by a candidate. Any error, he said, can come from how voters mark the ballot. Even though directions are clearly stated on each ballot, he said, many people do not follow them.

The most common error according to the source, was voters putting a checkmark instead of filling in the bubbled area. The machine reads dark areas and, in some cases, checking can extend beyond the intended candidate, giving a yes vote to two candidates. Scribbling can do the same thing. These he said are the over-voted. Before and after the recount for city clerk there were none, although other races such as city council showed six. There was no request to recount any other races.

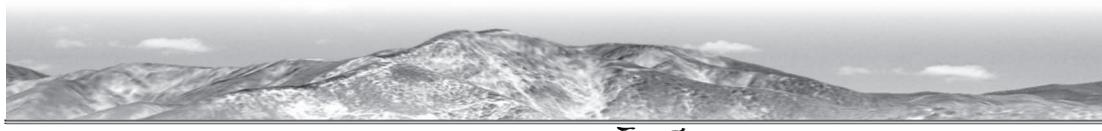
The voting machines used have a margin of error of approximately .00001 percent, while error by voters can be as high as a couple percentage points. Shollenberger had won by .03 percent, a gap that increased slightly with the recount.

There were also 87 ballots with city clerk left blank, which could have introduced machine errors.

There was also concern that many of the yes votes for Shollenberger were, in fact, generated after a false and misleading flyer was distributed door to door which said the publisher of this paper endorsed

Many residents said that Shollenberger has been kind, although they wanted to see change. Others said they voted for Bell because she promised to bring the office of city clerk back to city hall, something Shollenberger has now said she would also do. For years Shollenberger has run a clerical business out of her home saying it was efficient to do the same for her elected position as city clerk.





## MountainViews-Observer

### Open Space Element Advisory Committee Looking To Expand

By Dean Lee

Looking to increase the representation capacity of a new Open Space Committee Advisory the city council briefly disused the possibility of expanding the group form nine members to 11 although not all the council members agreed,

He went on to say the element is "pursuant of state law."

Councilmember Steve Madison asked that the council expand even further to six community members. They had two and were considering expanding to four. He said

would have to do first was define "open space."

'The real turning point in this committee's work is going to be the definition of open space," he said. "I think as we go forward that may be less complicated then was thought."

Planning Director Stephanie DeWolf said the purpose of the open space element was to express the community's vision for natural open space and the conservation of natural resources. Both are required in the General Plan she said. More specifically she said conservation includes, air quality, soil, mineral resources and water resources. The open space element was to look at unimproved land or water, for preservation, for outdoor recreation and for the promotion of public health.

Edwina Travis Chin one of the founders of the advocacy group Open Space now said the city must first inventory all open space. She said nothing could be done until they knew where and how much open space they had. She also said the city needed to focus on east Pasadena. Open Space Now was formed to save a number of family own nurseries being threatened by Southern California Edison who had planes to develop under their power lines the site of many green businesses. The idea has since been scrapped.

Travis Chin is one of 21 appointed for consideration to sit on the board.



Eaton Canyon

and with some missing, they decided to bring the issues back to a council ad hoc committee for review. "The advisory committee will be one of the elements

of a community planning process that consists of our staff, a team of consultants and the community based committee," advisory said Mayor Bill Bogaard.

"The team will pursue the requirements of an open space and conservation element of the General Plan."

he wanted to nominate Anita Fromholz who lives in his district. He said she could add a lot to the committee having served on the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Recreations and Parks Commission. Councilmember Sid Tyler backed Madison although

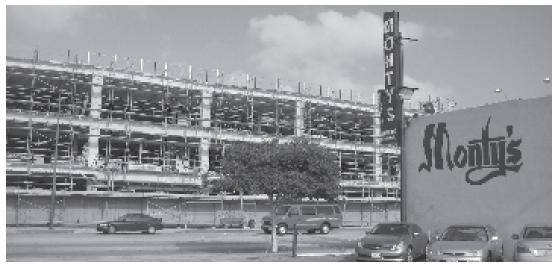
stay the same. City Manager Bernard Melekian said what they

Councilmember Margaret

McAustin said she though

the committee size should

## Predevelopment: Monty's Steakhouse Site Considered



By Dean Lee

The city council heard Monday night beginnings of a proposed 113,200 square foot office building to be built off California Boulevard, but not before first demolishing the landmark Steakhouse Monty's restaurant that now sits in the way, including the scripted neon "Monty's" sign once designated a historic landmark.

The sign now sits broken, with part of the letter "M"

missing. The restaurant at 592 South Fair Oaks Ave, first opened in 1941 and closed last June. The popular "old money" hangout made news last year after some 25 employees were given less than a week's notice before its closing. That included Monty's granddaughter, Debbie Levine who was general manager of the restaurant at the time of its closing.

Levine family since its opening.

When it was said by both city staff and developer

Council Rock Partners that a minor conditional use permit was needed to remove the sign, none of the council members questioned the action

The project still needs to be reviewed by the city's Design Commission at which time the sign may require a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historic Preservation Commission

Councilmember Sid Tyler brought up concerns over traffic, and what impact the project would bring to what he called a "highly congested area." The Grandview Palace Restaurant and M&G Auto Body would also be demolished, according to the predevelopment plan.

Tyler was also worried about a vacated 20/20 video store across the street, something he said would soon come before them with another big development.

"It seems to me that Monty's had been in the we really have to do a careful traffic analysis that incorporates not only the impact of this building, but also the building across the street that's

now under construction, the Huntington Pacific Medical Buildings," he said also, adding "We are, I think, approaching a point here where something has got to happen to prevent this from really becoming an impossibility of getting from the east to the west side of town."

The project must also go through environmental review to determine if an environmental impact report is needed. The project's location next to the Gold Line mandates that it be Transit Oriented Development.

A city staff report states the project must encourage pedestrian activity being less than a quarter mile of the Fillmore station. The project will also be limited to 255 subterranean parking spaces according to staff.

A timeline estimates the project will go in front the Design Commission in

Council members, Victor Gordo, Chris Holden and Vice Mayor Steve Haderlein were all absent from the meeting.

# Pasadena Fire Department Celebrates Fire Service Day

of Pasadena Fire Department during Fire Service Day on Saturday, May 10,

from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

At Fire Station 33, 515 N. Lake Ave., Pasadena firefighters will demonstrate life-saving and fire-suppression techniques including vehicle burns and extinguishments, rescuing someone from a vehicle using the Jaws of Life, aerial ladder operations. Fire engines and other equipment will be display, and there

Meet the dedicated men and women will be hot dogs and other refreshments as well as entertainment.

> Fire Stations #31, 135 S. Fair Oaks Ave. #32, 2424 E. Villa St. #34, 1138 E. Del Mar Blvd. #36, 1140 N. Fair Oaks Ave. #37, 3430 E. Foothill Blvd. #38, 1150 E. Linda Vista Ave. and #39, 50 Avenue 64

> All other fire stations will be open to the public as well:

For more information call (626) 744-4675.

## Council Meeting Will Discuss Smoking Ban, Pit Bulls, New Vice Mayor To Be Selected

The Pasadena City Council dining areas, within 20 to local businesses and will meet Monday, May 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the council chamber at Pasadena City Hall.

**Smoking**— According to staff, The council will receive the updated information and will consider directing the city attorney to prepare an ordinance prohibiting smoking in outdoor malls, shopping areas, outdoor

feet ob business entrances and exits, in waiting lines at movie theaters and ATMS, at bus stops, in public outdoor gathering spaces and at public events. On April 7 the council's Public Safety Committee discussed recommended limitations on smoking in outdoor public places and asked staff to return with a report on outreach

updates on laws adopted by other cities.

Pit Bulls— The council will conduct first reading of an ordinance requiring the spaying or neutering of all pit bulls in Pasadena. On March 10 the council directed the city attorney to draft the ordinance.

**Vice Mayor**— The council will conduct the annual election of a vice mayor.

### Mother's Day Jewelry Making Workshop

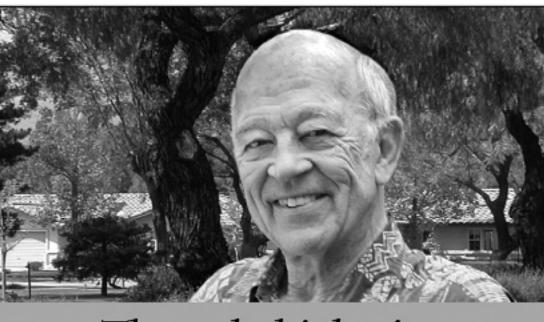
Be sure to remember Mom this year with a special gift! Come to the free beading and jewelry making workshop on Tuesday, May 6 at 3:30 p.m. at Allen-

dale Branch Library. Instructor Lorrie Oshatz will show you how to make earrings, bracelets and

necklaces sure to delight Mom!

All materials will be supplied so just bring yourself, your nimble fingers and your imagination.

Allendale Branch Library is located at 1130 South Marengo Avenue, Pasadena. For more information, phone (626) 744-



# The only high-rises you'll see are the trees.

Come check out what remarkable retirement living is all about at Westminster Gardens in Duarte, where the lifestyle is as inviting as the surroundings. You'll find a 32-acre neighborhood of exceptional one and two bedroom homes, cozy apartments, and assisted living accommodations.

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Art Show Opens In City Hall

Sierra Madre, Ca Mon: Sunny Hi 70s Lows 50s Hi 70s Lows 50s Tues: Sunny Lows 50s Wed: Sunny Hi 70s Hi 80s Thur: Lows 50s Sunny Fri: Sunny Hi 80s Lows 50s

> Also This Month: Author's Night May 5, 2008

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

Who: Stephen J. Cannell, Legendary, Emmy award-winning television screenwriter and bestselling novelist.

When: Monday, May 5, 2 at 7 p.m. Where: Sierra Madre Playhouse, 87 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024

Older "Sierra Madre" American, May 9, 2008

HONORING EPH KONGISBERG 4:30 - 6 PM. Memorial Park, Hart Park House 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre 91024 626-355-7394

## May Calendar

6:30 p.m.

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Tuesday

Monday

City Council Meeting Council Chambers

er Adult Softball Registration Begins Author's Night - Stephen J. Cannell Sierra Madre Playhouse, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday

Community Services Commission Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

Author at the

Friends of the Library, 7:00 p.m. Library Art Fair

Tree Advisory Commission Council Chambers, 7:00 p.m.

13-14, AARP Senior

Driving Safety

Program

City Council Meeting, Council Chmbers, 6:30 p.m.

Library Board Of Trustees, City Conference Room 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Community Arts

Council Chambers

Commission

6:30 p.m.

Travelers' & Collectors Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.

Thursday

Senior Community

Commission 3:00 p.m. Planning Commission.

7:30 p.m., both in Council Chambers

"Third Thursday"

Council Chambers

11:00 & 7:00

6:30 p.m.

Book Club. Library

Planning Commission



Family Movie

Friday.

7:30 p.m.

Family Movie Friday Kersting Court

7:30 p.m.

Friday

Lifeguard Training Begins

Saturday

Kersting Court

Breakfast

Mount Wilson Trail Race & HFF Kids Fun Run, Kersting Court, 7:00 a.m.

Swim Test Day Aquatic Center 12:00 Noon

#### Sierra Madre Friends of the Library Art Fair Features Foxlo Pottery

17-18

Save the date! About 100 of internationally and locally known artists will display their Fine Art at the 46th Annual Sierra Madre Art Fair, Memorial Park, 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, on Sat. May 17th, 9:30 am to 6:00pm, and Sun. May 18th, 9:30 am to

This year's featured artists are Fox and Lois Garney from Cambria, CA. "Everything in nature has the potential to inspire" is the quote from Foxlo Pottery, and is certainly exhibited in their unique works. Fox and Lois have been collaborating on ceramic pieces since 1972, where they met in the Ceramics Dept. at San Jose State University. Their lovely pottery is turned on the potter's wheel, and then hand-carved in a variety of techniques. Inspired by natural surroundings, their botanicalthemed works are exhibited throughout California and Arizona.

Other art mediums represented this

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year are jewelry, weaving, handpainted silks, glass, acrylics, metal art, textiles, gourds, and Bonsai. About 80% are popular artists returning from previous years. Artist recruitment begins early in Fall, and each artist is carefully selected by Chairperson Sharon Murphy to bring intriguing and creative works from all over California, Arizona, and Oregon.

Two local Sierra Madre artists will feature their art: Myra Epstein brings vibrant colors to still-life watercolors that range from reflections on the English countryside to the ethnic diversity of southern California; and Carolyn Gravatte captures local village scenes and landscapes in oil on canvas. Visit newcomer Barbara Carter's booth to learn about her 'neo-pointillism' paintings and be wowed! Also new this year is Stephen Johnstone's edgy and fun photography, and oil impressions by Paul Chamberlain.

SATURDAY - JUNE 21 - 2008

Enjoy lively music onstage from Jazz to dolcimer while savoring food court offerings from Baja Grill, Robin's restaurant, Holly's BBQ, Hawaiian shaved ice, and Sierra Madre's own old-

fashioned lemonade, and many others. Sponsored by the Sierra Madre Friends of the Library, this important fundraiser directly supports library services, programs, and building and grounds improvements.

> For more information contact Sharon Murphy (626) 355-3997, or go to www.sierramadreartfair.

> > Now Open!

## Popular Musicians Featured at Sierra Madre Art Fair

The 46th Annual Sierra Madre Art Fair is proud to offer the exceptional work of about 100 Fine Artists. Scheduled for Saturday May 17th, 9:30 am to 6:00 pm, and Sunday May 18th 9:30 am to 5:00 pm, at the tree-lined Memorial Park, 220 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, this year's Art Fair is already creating quite a buzz!

**Mount Wilson Trail Race Pasta Feed** 

Family Movie Friday. Kersting

Kersting Court, 6:00 p.m.

Court, 7:30 p.m.

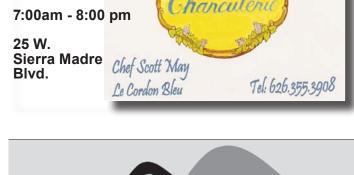
Sure to please art-lovers and music-lovers alike, popular and varied musicians can be enjoyed at the Bandshell. From 11:00am to 1:00pm Saturday and Sunday, unique musicians 'String Planet' feature string instruments in a popular format everyone knows and enjoys. Be sure to check out Larry Tuttle's expertise on the 'Stick' and be wowed! Also featured Saturday from 2:00 to 4:30

will be Stephanie Bettman and the Boys. Well-known from Nashville to LA, they provide a catchy, toe-tapping mixture of bluegrass, folk, and jazz with a "mountain vibe" - a perfect blend for our Foothill communities! Voted "Best of LA by LA Magazine", the all-acoustic Gonzalo Bergara Group can be seen Sunday 2:00-4:00pm. This acclaimed trio blends Blues with Latinswing, and is extraordinary!

Not to be outdone by the Bandshell, the Park's South Lawn will feature LA's popular acoustic guitarist Logan Coats on Saturday from 1:00 to 2:30pm; Ann Luke on the dulcimerSaturdayandSunday; and Harpist Ron Longo. Don't miss The Daisy Chang Duo Sunday 12:00 to 1:30 pm for some jazzy Brazilian Guitar rhythms that are sure to get you going! Joel Penner Trio is a returning favorite, and can be enjoyed Saturday 3:00 to 5:00pm, and Sunday 2:00 to 4:00pm. Their inspiration is a bebop sound of the '40's and '50's, and they get the crowd going with original and wellknown standard tunes with unique Jazz, Latin, funk, and pop music—always enjoyed

by all ages! Enjoy the creativity of Fine Artists' ceramics, jewelry, oils, watercolors, mixed media, photography, and so much more! When the family gets hungry, stop by the Food Court for some of the area's best offerings!

Sponsored by the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library, proceeds directly support Library services, acquisitions, programs, and grounds' improvements. For more information contact Sharon Murphy @ (626) 355-3977, or go to www.sierramadreartfair.





#### NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED Pre-registration by June 6, 2008 ----- Entry Fee \$20.00 - T-shirts \$15.00: L[] \* XL[] \* 3XL[] Day of Show ----- Entry Fee \$25.00 PARTICIPANTS WILL BE MAILED THEIR CONFIRMATION NO LATER THAN JUNE 6, 2008 Make checks payable to the Sierra Madre Police Officer's Association Mail Entries and Check to: c/o Ted Saraf - 670 Skyland Dr. - Sierra Madre, CA 91024 For further information please call Ted at: 310 505-9817 Fax: 626 355-8582 Email: tts10851@aol.com

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When we did find out in December, 2005 we asked then City Manager John Gillison for a credit. The city only allowed us credit for 1 year of overcharges and were told that the policy prohibited payment of anything more.

So, the City creates multiple utility bill billing categories. They do not disclose the level you are being charged on the bill. If you discover the error, they will only refund one year. And you suffer the rest of the loss for their mistake.

Therefore, because this is such a well kept secret, we created a website to inform all residents of what is going on. Want the rest of the story?

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We all need to take a strong position in order to solve this problem.

My hope is to put pressure on the city to:

Add the rate we are all being charged for utilities to our bills, and
 Get reasonable credits for those of us who are overcharged.

Vern Hensel, SM Resident (626) 289-9306 Daytime Phone



#### **Mount Wilson Trail Race Celebrates its 100th Anniversary!**

Time & Place

Saturday, May 24, 2008 at 7:30 am sharp. Check-in time is from 6:00 am to 7:15 am. The race concludes at 10:30 am. The Trail Race begins and ends in the center of Sierra Madre, California, at Kersting Court, the corner of Sierra Madre Blvd and Baldwin Ave.

Course

The 8.6 mile race starts on payement, uphill, to a dirt path no more than 3 feet wide. It features an elevation gain of over 2,100 feet; approximately 4.3 miles to the turnaround point at Orchard Champ. Most of the race takes place on the Mount Wilson Trail, where some section have vertical drop-offs of several hundred feet. Emergency support is stationed at strategic points along the course to give any necessary aid. Boy and Cub Scout Troops provide water at two locations: the 2.3-mile marker and the turnaround point.

History The Mount Wilson Trail Race is the second oldest Trail Race in California; first held in 1908 when runners raced to Mount Wilson, rested 1/2 hour, then raced back down. Only a handful of intrepid runners dared to attempt such a grueling test. The race was held sporadically from the first year until the late 1940s and early 1950s when it was abandoned completely. In autumn of 1965 it was revived and has grown over the years to its present format. Organized by a volunteer committee, the current race is 8.6 miles in length. The exact course has changed by erosion, fires, and earthquakes. For this reason no official record is recognized. Since the revival in the 1960s, today's course is considered the most difficult.



New this Year - Family Awards!

Team up with your favorite family member or your entire family for our newest category of racers. Times will be combined and we'll see if the Smiths can keep up with the Jones!

Pre-registration and Pasta Load Party! Pick up your race number and t-shirt early on Friday,

May 23 at Kersting Court and enjoy a great pasta dinner from Cafe 322 of Sierra Madre! From 6:00-8:00 pm, there'll be salad, bread and two kinds of pasta from just \$6.75. Cafe 322 will donate a portion from each dinner served to Sierra Madre Search & Rescue Team. Runners and non-runners alike are

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#### Standing By



A member of the Pasadena Fire Departments closely watches the hillsides with a Sierra Madre resident. Just beyond the bushes flames roar. This home was prepared with a pump and hoses that were used to 'wet down' the house and nearby vegetation. In the background, another firefighter takes a brief rest after hours of firefighting in intense heat. Photo courtesy of the Gage Family

### Learning to Live with Fire

By Christopher Nyerges

Fire. Right there to our north, menacingly-orange, raining down ash on our homes. It's intimidating and we're relieved when the fire-fighters put it out. We put out thank-you notes to the fire-fighters and the businesses, in gratitude, offer free drinks and meals to the fire-fighters.

The Southern California chaparral regions -- which include about three-quarters of the Angeles National Forest -- are similar to such eco-systems as the Great Plains, the longleaf pine forests, the Australian "outback," and numerous other habitats that all require fire. And fire is what germinates certain seeds that live in these unique environments. Fire is what creates the conditions for rejuvenation and allows various flora and fauna to thrive.

Let's turn back the clock for a moment. Before we all moved into this coastal desert plain we call Southern California, various AmerIndians (the Chumash, the Gabrielinos, and others) lived here practicing "land management" or "passive agriculture." There were no farms as we know them. One feature of their land management was fire.

The San Gabriel Valley at the base of the Angeles National Forest was once a vast oak forest with a carpet of grasses. Generally, fires would be set twice a year by the local Indians and allowed to burn through the entire valley.

The fire burned down the woody brush and tall grasses that resulted from the winter rains. There were many beneficial results from these fires, such as fertilizing the fields with ash, and allowing other more useful plants to grow. Later fires would clear the fields of whatever was left of the season's wild herbs and greens, and burn out dry tinder and fallen wood from the oaks and wild vines. This served as a "pruning" for the food trees, which yielded better fruit in greater quantity as a result.

Since these were annual fires, the "damage" was minimal. A grassfire moves quickly but if there is little fuel, it moves on. Village sites were usually protected from the fires by their strategic locations, and by the way the fires were set. Teams of workers would set a fire and keep it confined to a specific area.

Fire was literally the cleanser, fertilizer-maker, and food-producer of the culture who inhabited this area before the Spanish missionaries arrived. The upper San Gabriel Valley was called "the valley of smokes" precisely for this reason.

Fire is not the enemy. The "enemy" is our own blindness, our own foolish stubbornness to attempt to fight against and conquer nature, rather than to learn and to live by the principles of nature. As Pogo said, "I have met the enemy and he is us."

In some eco-systems which require fires, biologists have noted that certain flora and fauna are becoming endangered due to the policy of fire suppression. Our environment here is fire-dependent. Parochial "environmentalists" and homeowners' groups have argued against controlled burns because they claim such burns kill animals. In fact, the fires usually take very few lives because they are generally of such a low intensity. Once burned and renewed, the flora and fauna rise up again Phoenix-like to repeat the cycle.

We can't go back to old days and burn down the valley every year. The valleys are no longer oak forests filled with grass floors. They are square lots criss-crossed with cement rivers. The old days are over. So what can we do?

Homes bordering on chaparral should be surrounded with non-flammable vegetation (such as walls of prickly pear cactus, or jade, which stop fire in all but the worst firestorms), and should be equipped with plumbing designed to soak the roof from above, complete with a gas-operated pump as a back up if the electricity goes down. It would cost about \$1000 a home, give or take a little. Wood shingle roofs should be outlawed,

And controlled burns -- yes, we should have controlled burns, a little here, a little there, done during the cool days of winter or early spring. Without controlled burns, the fuel in the Forest builds up and large-scale fire catastrophes will be inevitable every few decades.

Fire is not our enemy. When we point our finger at these Forces of Nature and call them "bad," we choose to ignore our own culpability (directly or indirectly) that led to a situation out of control. We either learn the principles that each environment teaches us, and abide by those principles, or we don't. If we don't (and we haven't been doing very well in this department) then truly, we are our own worst enemy.

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## Fire Safe Council "Announcements and Observations"

A Nearby Wildfire: The Great Motivator.

COUNCIL April 26-29, 2008--Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, Sierra Madre, California-

-I would say that is more that "nearby." Were you well prepared? I drove around on Fire Patrol and witnessed lots of preparation for evacuation--thought out in advance: cars packed, pets in carriers, cars facing outward for the call to evacuate. Some of our members got out their Thermo-gel and positioned it to apply when the time was ready--laid out hoses, positioned ladders to their roofs. Others put on their fire proof window and vent coverings. Many were happy they did all the brush clearance that was required.

Our next, "regularly scheduled" Fire Safe Council meeting is May 5, 2008 7-9 p.m. in the City Council chambers. There will be two topics: Continuing preparation for the wildfire season--our constant natural disaste--and the consequences of the fire: the following winter rains and debris flow dangers and homeowner preparation.

It has been said that this was the continuance of the 2007 Wildfire Season not the beginning of the fire season for 2008. Last year Malibu had three wildfires, starting in January and then again in October and November.

A lot of brush remains on the hillsides above our homes in the open space conservation/wilderness area and the National Forest and in the foothills above Arcadia and Pasadena. One thing you can do, in addition to brush removal on your own property is to prevent "ember intrusion."

Please go to: www.firecenter.berkeley.edu/

toolkits and follow the links to Quick Links. Homeowner Wildfire Assessment. Fire Information Engine

There will be a survey consisting of 30 questions to answer on your home vulnerability to ember intrusion in six areas: roofing, vents, siding, eves, decking and windows. Please try to take this survey before you come to the meeting on May 5th.

Remember, there was no wind. If we had had this fire in October or November with 30, 40, 50 mile per hour winds we would have most likely had a much different outcome. The fire fighters (Sierra Madre, US Forestry, California Division of Forestry, fire departments from our neighboring cities) were superb and you saw them stationed all over our hillsides. Hot Shot ground crews from the US Forest Service and prison crews hacked back hot spots and cleared brush lines in steep terrain, under hot, grimy conditions wearing layers of fire protective clothing. The skills of the pilots-the spotter fixed wing, the Foscheck bombers, the helicopter water droppers. The L.A. County Sherifs, the Sierra Madre Police Department and their colleague departments from all over southern California kept order in our foothills, omeowners safe, outsiders out.

If you have concerns or questions about a procedure or experience that you faced in this past wildfire event, please address them to the City, respectful of the enormity and complexity of the event and with the goal of finding ways to improve the process. You may be directed to a particular group that was responsible to making a decision that you questioned. Remember: no homes were lost, no citizens were injured, no reported looting - *Caroline Brown*, *SMFSC* 



### Environmentally Speaking,

## Did You Know? Out of the Ashes

Sierra Madre is getting back to normal after experiencing a nearly catastrophic wildfire this past weekend. If this fire had occurred during the October Santa Ana winds, the outcome would have been devastating for the Canyon residents

and beyond. Thanks to the wonderful cooperation between the different firefighting agencies, police departments et al, we remain virtually unscathed.

Although most people regard fire as a destructive force, fire is actually the mechanism by which the forest is continually regenerated. Fires consume dead, decaying vegetation that has been accumulating for decades, thereby clearing the way for new growth. If you walk through the chalky gray ashes and charred remains of a lifeless shrub forest immediately following a fire, it is hard to imagine anything ever growing there again. Often the ashy soil is littered with flakes of granodiorite that split off of large boulders—proof of the intense heat of the flames. Like peeling off the layers of an onion skin, this is a major source of exfoliation of granitic formations in southern California. This bleak and silent setting of grays and blacks is only a temporary stage in a complex series of miraculous events in which nature will gradually restore the original vegetation.

According to the experts by clearing out years of dead and decaying vegetation, this fire has afforded us protection if and when another fire strikes.

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As I'm sure many of you are aware, last Tuesday was Earth Day. At my high school, we celebrated by holding a class recycling competition and showed our spirit by wearing green. Many of us walked around the campus recycling and admiring our Earth's beauty, happy and content that our Earth had its very own day. I soon realized that none of us really knew the history of Earth Day. No one knew who thought of the holiday, or when it was even established. Now, I'm sure we weren't the only ones lacking background on Earth Day. But isn't it odd that people are aware of information on so many holidays, but when it comes to our own home's holiday, lots of us

are clueless. Earth Day was founded by Senator Gaylord Nelson and took over seven years to be established. The idea began in 1962 and the first Earth Day was held April 22nd, 1970. It's said that Earth Day was chosen to be on the 22nd because it was the actor/environmental activist Eddie Albert's birthday. The purpose was to have a day where people could step back and appreciate our Earth and all the progress we have made in keeping it a safe place to live. It's a day to spend thinking (and acting) on ways we can incorporate better environmental habits that

## Celebrating Our Earth

By Trisha Collins

can benefit this world as a whole.

Earth Day took the nation by surprise in the 1970's. There had never been a holiday celebrating our own earth before. It's amazing how much support Earth Day is getting. At first, I didn't think so many people at my school would participate in the recycling competition. I was so happy and surprised when I saw all these green shirts and kids with bags of recyclable items.

I think that teenagers are actually more involved and hands on when it comes to "saving the planet". This may be because recycling and "going green" is almost like a fashion statement. Many celebrities are making it publicly known that we need to slow down global warming, not to mention the huge array of cute shirts and tote bags that display phrases such as "go green". Clothing companies such as American Eagle and Aeropostale are making a great deal off of their teenage customers by sellingproductspromoting global awareness.

Even though last Tuesday was Earth Day, never hesitate to appreciate and preserve our earth's beauty. Actually, I encourage that we all try and treat everyday like it's Earth Day because our planet deserves a little TLC more than just once a year.

### La Salle Band Earns Accolades

Pasadena, CA - On April 17th, the La Salle High School Advanced Band participated in the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association's spring festival at Santa Monica High They received "Excellent" and "Superior" for their performance from the judges. "The band sounded very good and performed well -- they got to perform in a beautiful hall with wonderful acoustics. It was a great tune-up for Chicago," said Ms. Megan Foley, Band Director at La Salle. The La Salle Band leaves to perform in Chicago on May 30.

Eight students from Advanced Band performed at Solo and Ensemble at La Canada High School on Saturday, April 19th. Tessa Pearman

'10, and clarinetist Grant McCracken, '10 received a "Superior" rating for their duo performance of Air from Water Music by Handel. Matthew Adame, '10 Colin Stanford, '10 and Albert Law, '10 also received a "Superior" rating for their snare drum trio performance of G-Force by percussionist and composer John Beck. A brass trio that included Gray Garrison, '08 Luke Hilland, '09 and Jackson Delany-McCudden, '11 also received a "Superior" rating for their performance of Trepak. Students who receive a grade of "Superior" (the highest rating one can attain) are invited to perform at the regional festival in late May. This is the first time that all of the La Salle students who entered this contest received



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### PUSD Targets Classified Personnel In Budget Cuts By Teresa Baxter

According to policy and protocol, the Pasadena Unified School District's Board of Education has taken the first step in eliminating 55 classified school service positions. Many of the current employees may have to vacate their positions by June 30, 2008.

A special meeting was held last Tuesday allowing for any of those affected by this latest development the opportunity to participate in public comment against Resolution 1949, which calls for PUSD to eliminate and reduce the positions described in the resolution. The document authorizes and directs "the superintendent to give notice of termination of employment to the affected employees pursuant to District rules and regulations and applicable provisions of the Education Code not later than forty-five (45) days prior to the effective date of such reduction or discontinuance."

The capacity crowd faced the board in disbelief and shock that their positions were being eliminated with such short notice, having only been notified about their possible termination the previous termination the previous Friday. Some pointed to the fact that they have provided dedicated service to the district

"I have 25 years of service and I think I can say in this room alone you probably have in excess of 200 years of experience," said Cathy Garcia, an employee of John Muir High School. "By eliminating these positions you're taking the root of the school district and I think it's very harmful."

Comments also focused on

the feasibility of eliminating entire departments without explaining what measures would be taken to smoothly transition into the voids left due to the lack of personnel in key departments—for example, the elimination of seven Accounting Technician positions and several secretarial, payroll and IT employees.

"This is a slap in the face to all of your classified employees and it has been done in the most insensitive manner possible," said Diane Moore, who has worked in the district for over three decades. "Imagine going to work as usual Friday morning and going home that evening knowing your job of five, ten or more years is now gone."

Superintendent Edwin Diaz put much blame on state budget cuts and analysis recommendations from the recent Gibson Report. The Gibson Consulting Group completed a management audit report of PUSD last year. The evaluation team provided report findings to assist the school district in the identification of potential cost savings. "This is not cost savings. "This is not an easy recommendation to put forward and I do want [those affected] to know that I understand the impact and hardship," said Diaz. "But with my review of various documents, interviews with department heads and looking at the information of the audit I realized that we needed to do a re-structuring if we were going to be able to meet the priorities

### **NIKOS STYLES** 12-year-old Entrepreneur

of the district."

By Christopher Nyerges

a young boy enthusiastically them from a table in downtown talking to passers-by. He's got a table with an assortment of

You're done with your cookie \$15 on a good day." and latte, so you wander over to the candleman.

at my candles. I hope you'll like

Meet 12-year-old Nikos Styles, a South Pasadena resident who comes to Sierra Madre on some Thursday nights to market his home-made candles.

"How'd you get started selling candles?" I ask.

Young Nikos is eager to talk about his craft. "My dad and I always liked candles," he begins. "We used to visit a store in Old Town Pasadena and we really liked their candles. But they were also very expensive. So my dad took a class in candlemaking and he then taught me how to make them."

Nikos and his father Daniel worked on their candlemaking craft at home for about a year. "Then," say Nikos with before." 'Rocks? I ask.

on the local hiking trails above order, you can also call them at Sierra Madre. "I would take (310) 435-1041. them home and polish them

It's a Thursday evening in front in a rotary tumbler. They no of Starbucks at the intersection longer looked like ordinary of Baldwin and Sierra Madre. rocks from the trail, but they You get your latte and you take were beautiful and shiny." He a seat near the window. When called his first business venture you glance outside, you see Shiny Stones, and also sold

"I would spend two to three square and round candles of all hours on Saturdays," he colors.

Saturdays, he explained, "and I'd make about

Besides selling his candles on the street, he also sends "Hello," he says. "Take a look some to his grandparents who own a restaurant called the Chuckwagon in Olean, New York. His grandparents sell the candles to their customers.

When talking to Nikos, I could not help but think back to what I was doing when I was 12 years old. I did have a neighborhood paper route, and I struggled to keep my bicycle operating. I still occasionally watched cartoons after school, and was intensely "afraid of my own shadow" if I had to talk to people publicly, as Nikos was already doing with great

competence. I asked Nikos to tell me what motivates him to so gregariously pursue business interests. "Well, my dad and I always liked candles,3 he tells me. "Plus, I want to be a big smile, "I got the idea last a race car driver when I grow October to come up here in Sierra Madre and try to sell make from candles into a bank them, like I did with the rocks account so I can eventually buy a legend car."

You can see Nikos Styles A year earlier, Nikos got in front of Starbucks on interested in rocks and would occasional Thursdays. And if collect interesting specimens you're interested in placing an



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### Featuring unique homes & gardens and the people who create them Photos and Story By Chris Bertrand More Than Just Gorgeous Craftsman Furniture

A couple of months ago, I had a delightful, unexpected opportunity to tour Gillian and Warren Hile's home in Sierra Madre. We ambled from room to room, amid their rich yet comfortable and unpretentious reproduction furniture in the Arts and Crafts style, available from their Monrovia factory. I was entranced with the meticulous attention to detail in every piece. The next room was a home office in process and progress, where she proceeded to tell me and show me about their newest venture, custom cabinetry for the home, office and business.

Cabinetry seems a natural extension, but is actually an unusual foray for high end furniture manufacturers like the Warren Hile Studio. It's a path many furniture manufacturers don't have the ability, flexibility and technological savvy to take. Yes, the fine wood materials remain the same, and the tools remain the same, but Hile Studios shines when they can apply the flexibility of their technology to the different, custom specifications required. This flexibility provides shorter turnaround times, compared to many custom cabinetry manufacture options. The newest soft closure hinges are available for nearly silent drawer and door closure. Pricey, but oh so worth it, after a year using similar closures in my kitchen! They now offer many period styles to your contractor, and also offer complete kitchen design services in house.

Homegrown Warren Hile Studio grew right here in the San Gabriel Valley, starting in the Montecito District of Sierra Madre in 1989. They moved a couple of miles East in 2004 to their state of the art, Monrovia facility. Founder, Warren Hile, was schooled nearby at Pasadena's Art Center College of Design. In the heart of neighborhoods filled with Green and Green and other similar homes dotting the Pasadena landscape, he dreamed of creating new, Mission Oak furniture demanded by the many style enthusiasts and Craftsman homeowners in the San Gabriel Valley. Today, nineteen years later, he has built a coveted reputation by maintaining an ardent attention to the stringent standards, quality and construction style of that era's original furniture, creating heirloom pieces for today's collectors.

When it comes to the materials used at Hile, the differences come to light here as well. Quartersawn oak is the featured material for both the Mission and Monterey lines. Previously, I was not well schooled on oak quality in furniture, though I had heard reference to quarter sawn being more expensive in flooring. The beauty of quartersawn oak shows through in the subtle grain which is straight and tight. Plain sawn is what we see typically used in less pricey furniture. The plain sawn grain is open, wide and very visible, which distracts the eye from the furniture itself. Quartersawn's quality derives not only from its visual attractiveness, but from its stability in humidity fluctuations, and minimizes warp and splits. As you might already guess, quartersawn materials come at double the cost of plain sawn oak.

The finishing process chosen most often follows a century old tradition with hand applied aniline dye, orange shellac, then hand rubbed with pigmented paste wax. A recent addition is a new lacquer finish with increased durability in home and family use, with increased water, alcohol, lemon juice and sun fading resistance.

Hardware often creates the final defining feature in furniture. Hile Studios is no exception here. Their copper drawer pulls, straps and door hardware are meticulously fashioned after the originals, with hand-hammering and one-by-one dips and treatments to create a beautiful patina.

While the quality of their furniture falls into the category of "heirloom" to use their term, it will also withstand the rigors of hotel use. Gillian Hile, Warren's wife and CFO, points out proudly that their Monterey furniture line, has been chosen by ultra high end boutique getaway, the El Portal in Sedona, which won the 2004 Andrew Harper Hotel of the Year. Disney properties furnished the lobby's tall case clock, children's seating in the Great Hearth Room and the Presidential and Vice-Presidential suites with Hile Studios Craftsman accoutrements for their recently completed premium, Grand Californian Hotel in Anaheim. Down San Diego way, the recent remodel at the Lodge at Torrey Pines, in Del Mar, features

160 rooms of Hile Studio pieces, too.

Warren Hile Studio is one of the few remaining American manufacturers of furniture sold here in the states. Most comes from overseas these days, often with a lower quality, and using the plainsawn materials and particle board.

The cost of such pieces, beautiful and breathtaking as they may be, is not for the faint of heart, however, hence the term "heirloom." Pieces like the Craftsman Bridal Chest, seen below, sell in the neighborhood of \$6k through e-tailer, Mission Living.com, with four custom finishes available. You can view some of the beautiful Warren Hile lines in person nearby at "Historic Lighting," 114 East Lemon Avenue in Monrovia, at "Mission Living" in Valencia at 25870 Mc Bean Parkway and at "The Craftsman Revival" in Solana Beach just north of San Diego, or check Hile's website for more information: www.HileStudio.com.





Chris Bertrand

Top: The Hile Factory in Monrovia. Top Inset: Gillian Hile points out the English dovetail joints used on all Hile's drawers for solid and dependable use. Middle Inset: Gillian Hile in her favorite chair in the Hile shipping room. Above Center: State - Of - The - Art computer cabinet design for hile. Above Right: The computer-operated

By Peter Dills What Is BBQ?



Recently, I received an interesting question. It seemed simple enough, until I began to examine it. Many things are like that aren't they, "What exactly is a BBQ?" For everyone it's something different. For me, it's an event, a combination of food, sauces, smokefilled air and, of course, friends. Opening up my yard and taking control of the barbeque, nurturing some sizzling

steaks or finely marinated chicken all the while the pageantry provided by my friends proceeds seamlessly around me. Maybe it is something tribal in us men, but I have to say that it brings me great satisfaction when I am standing in front of the fire cooking away. For an outdoor barbeque, the frequent question is whether to use charcoal or gas. Maybe someday down the road people will look at the generation of people that used charcoal, and not the clean, almost smokeless gas, and think us idiots. You have to wait for the charcoal to warm, it does not always stay lit, it fills the air with smoke, but call me what you will, there is nothing like the flavor of a meal cooked over charcoal - maybe throw in some hickory or mesquite chips for their unique contributions, and you have the makings of something special. It makes me hungry just writing about it. Maybe you don't have the luxury of a backyard barbecue but still you want to experience the flavor and cooking style of a barbeque. Put the kids in the car, because we are going to go out tonight.

Do you ever hear that commercial for Tony Roma's? Next time listen closely to Tony Roma's commercial and noticed they never mention the word BBQ in their commercial. Why, you ask? Because they actually bake their items and then put the sauce right on top of the meat once they are done cooking. Sorry if you now feel like the old bait and switch has taken place, but I do not want you to be duped by these imitators. This is not the style of barbecue that we are heading out for.

There is a place that is older than me (yes, really it is true). Any place that can make it through this world longer than I have, has a way of peaking my curiosity. The place I had in mind was Gus's BBQ in South Pasadena. Gus's was established in 1946 and was just recently taken over by The Bicos Brothers, of the Original Tops in East Pasadena. They recently finished a several month's remodel of the restaurant. My first impression? The restaurant was very sharp looking, clean. Heck, even the restrooms were immaculate. I like a place that takes pride in their product from head to toe. Clean restrooms for me translate to a clean kitchen, because I know they take pride in their appearance. Okay, I don't work for the Health Department, so let's move out of the bathrooms and into the dining room, shall we? The main dining room is connected to the bar, with an excellent view of almost the entire backend of the restaurant once you are seated. This includes the plasma TVs, just in case you need to peek at the Laker score. What to order: The side dishes are the Stars here at Gus's. I really enjoyed the Cole Slaw and Fried Yams sides. Are you a brisket fan? Check out the Beer Braised Texas Brisket (\$15.95). I can recommend the Full Rack of Baby Back Ribs (\$23.95). If you're in the mood for steak, Gus's offers a 10 oz Flat Iron Steak (\$17.95) which is USDA choice.

Avoid: Hey, this is BBQ! But for some crazy reason my friend ordered the Caesar Salad (\$8.95) and he wasn't that impressed. For 12 years I put on the Pasadena Chili Cook-off, so I had to try the Southern Smokehouse Chili (\$5.25). It seemed average for a barbecue place; I was not inspired, so I probably would not order

Gus's BBQ is definitely a keeper on this critic's list. I am not sure if it will be around for another 62 years, but I think the new owners are on the right track. Though Gus's is in the rebuilding mode, so you can expect changes to their menu as the new owners discover the unique style and flavors that the truly great barbecue places possess. They have done an amazing job with the remodel and for those of you that haven't been there you will be impressed.

Some of my other BBQ favorites: I have fallen in love with Dr.

Hogly Wogly's in Van Nuys - definitely worthy of a car trip. Robin's BBQ in East Pasadena remains one of the best in the business. Is Gus's their equivalent? No, not yet but the owners are new, so I must give them every opportunity to make this long standing establishment into one of the classics. My appetite and my wish for you are that you may compete with the best. I am a personal friend with Robin, of the aforementioned Robin's restaurant, and it took him at least 6 months to perfect his craft of BBQ, so live, eat and learn.

All and all, two thumbs up for Gus's, The World's Best? No,

not even the best in town. But my first impression was certainly

favorable and I will be back. With any new high-profile restaurant, there might be a wait, so call ahead for reservations. One last thought - I want to put all the cards on the table. I thought the menu was just a bit over priced. If it were me, I would have come in at less and raised the prices as I created my fan base. The hamburgers are in the \$12 range with Martinis at \$9.50. Those are Parkway Grill prices; so I guess I can ride my bike there and then afford a drink.

Check www.gussbbq.com for updated hours and prices. Gus's BBQ, 808 Fair Oaks Ave., South Pasadena 626-799-3251. Join me next week for a Wine and Food Event in Newport Beach!

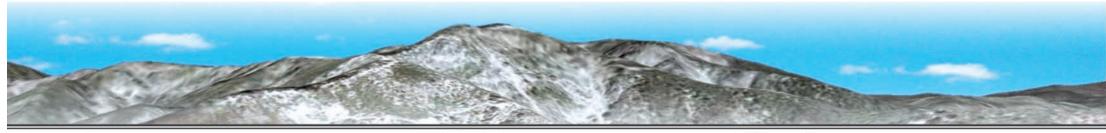
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Susan Henderson

phrase. It depicts, in my opinion, what I believe to be

the goal of Greg Galetly and his associates at Dorn-Platz. It is my belief that clearly Mr. G is earnestly trying to be relieved of his ties to the One Carter and Stonehouse projects - that he wants to distance himself from the maze of entities and offers he created in order to attract investors. That's what it looks like to me - looks like he's played his last tune and is trying to jump ship. But again, that is my opinion and I could be all wrong.

You see, in setting up the LLC's, LP's, LLP's, Delaware Corporations, Corporations, et al, it seems that the security for the transactions has become a tangled mess. In some instances he has used the same collateral, the projects, to secure different transactions, we think.

Let's look at just the Sierra Agreements, Put Agreements, collateral for different entities,

contact person for the 'membership interest' sale listed on April 12th in the LA Times would indicate that I am speaking of a telephone that is off the hook, I am not. Nor am I speaking in the hip hop interpretation of the phrase.....this is definitely not a good thing...not 'off the hook' as in 'out of this world'. In this case, I mean Off The Hook in the most litereal translation of the

After investigating a public notice that was mentioned at our last council meeting, it has been discovered that of the \$45 million dollars invested in the project through individuals and construction finance loans, the very people who gave him the money are very, very upset. So much so, they want to get likely characters. By the way, don't hold me to any of this....I will have more Mr. G out of the picture and get as much of their money back as possible. If to say after May 7th.

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Madre Investors, LP. That group signed no less than 7 documents to protect the 4.4 million dollars they put into the pot. There is the Agreement that formed One Carter Investors, LLC of which they are the largest member; there are Pledge Put Gaurantees, Put Options, Equity Investment Agreements, Investors Operating Agreements and who knows what else. These agreements used the same collateral and some were also executed using the same such as Capital Source Finance.

And let us not overlook the 99,000 okay, more than 12 entities that have been connected to these projects:

Even though the lack of response from repeated There are seven listed in the chart below - two of whom have no disclosed telephone calls to the offices of Dorn Platz and the membership interest assigned (or at least not in the court case).

Add to those seven - The DLG Family Trust Limited Partnership, Stone Carter Management, LLC, Carter Stone Management, Inc. (no kidding folks), One Carter SPE LLC, One Carter LLC, Stonehouse SPE LLC, Stonehouse Homes, LLC and that brings the total to at least 14 entities with ties to these two projects. Each one may have mutliple inviduals and/or companies as 'members'. In case you didn't know, membership interests are a way to express ownership in an LLC.

So the question then begs to be asked, who in fact does own One Carter and Stonehouse. All I can say for certain is that I don't.

Therein lies my hypothesis that Mr. G is actually well on his way to jumping ship. He must certainly know that with this entangled gaggle of players, no one will ever figure out what's what. He hooked them well. After all, he raised more than \$45 million dollars without building a thing. Must have been trained by the creators of the Pineapple Garden Maze. In fact, it kind of reminds me of a scene in a movie where everyone was looking for the booty and the least likely character ended up with it in the least likely placem-except that in this case Greg Galletly and Dorn Platz aren't the least

#### A Simplified Look At Control of One Carter and Stonehouse Projects\*

One Carter Development 29 Single Family Lots

ONE CARTER INVESTORS, LLC Purpose to operate One Carter and Stonehouse developments according to Section 1.7 of the Limited Liability Agreement

**MEMBERS** Sierra Madre Investors, LP Dorn-Platz Properties, Inc. **Kevin McGuire** Ron Thompson **BGM Sierra Madre, LLP** Castlegrace Management, LLC

SIERRA MADRE DORN PLATZ Ron Thompson of INVESTORS, LP **PROPERTIES** Laguna Niguel Invested Invested invested \$4,400,000 for 62.86% \$2,000,000 for \$500,000 for 7.14% membership interest in

MANAGING

MEMBER AS OF

4/25/2008

Stonehouse FORMER

Logo Properties, LLC Sam G. Lindsay

One Carter and

Stonehouse

First West Capital,

John Robert Gilroy

Ralph Balfour Balfour, MacDonald & Olmstead NEW MANAGING MEMBER AS OF 4/25/2008

28.57% membership intermembership est in One Carter interest in One and Stonehouse Carter and

**Kevin McGuire** McGuire & Associates invested \$100,000 for 1.43% membership interest in One Carter and

Stonehouse

**BGM SIERRA** MADRE, LLP Greg Galletly and

Stonehouse Homes

35-22 Single Family Homes

CASTLEGRACE MANAGEMENT LLC Howard Weinberg

\* Based upon information contained in various public records regarding the foreclosures filed by Sierra Madre Investors and CapitalSource Finance, LLC



### Forest Fires And The Economic Impact A look at the Santa Anita Wildfire By Hail Hamilton

quite a few requests for

a post look at last week's Santa Anita Wildfire, so here it is. Our first thought is probably yours as well: We're hoping for the best -minimal loss of life, and minimal damage to property. Fortunately only one "outbuilding" was lost to the fire. The City of Sierra Madre was once more spared the destruction of other Southern California communities in recent years.

Though we are hesitant to go straight into an economic discussion of such a disaster, we sense some interest. Random thoughts: It is possible the fires will cause a slight, temporary change in the supply-demand dynamic in Southern California real estate that is, marginally more demand marginally less supply.

At present there are 157,000 homes for sale in the five counties most affected: Riverside, 32,000; Los Angeles, 59,000; San Bernardino, 23,000; Orange, 20,000; San Diego, 23,000). In those five counties, sales last month totaled approximately 12,000 homes. Remember, not everyone who loses a home will run out and buy one; and not everyone who loses a home will stay in the area; some of the burning homes are vacant. Another caveat: Throughout the affected areas, the fires will cause a temporary freeze on all home sales activity -- very few people will go to open houses this weekend in the affected areas. Houses in the evacuation areas, the "Canyon" and above Carter Avenue will be

particularly adversely affected.

I have been So what is the general economic impact: Generally speaking, do quick natural disasters cause a short-term increase in economic activity? People flock to Home Depot and Wal-Mart to buy emergency supplies, the government spends a lot of money, insurance claims are paid out, houses and businesses are rebuilt. That said, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is warning that this disaster will cost the state some economic activity.

> Big-picture longer term fallout: It's possible the fires will represent "tipping point" of sorts that will cause governments to pause and reconsider the wisdom of heavy development in dry, fireprone areas in the Southwest. We consider this unlikely -central planning and decisionmaking are not big factors in the American economy. An event of this magnitude, though, could make it more expensive, and thus less attractive, to build in fire zones -- through higher insurance premiums.

> Which brings us the core issue: Should communities adjacent to wilderness areas, areas prone to wildfire, continue build new homes in harm's way? And more to the point: Who should pay for unfortunate, yet foreseeable, damage to property, injury and loss of life? Is it fair to spread the cost of firefighting to all homeowners within, say, Los Angeles County? Or should the cost of defending against wildfires be paid by individuals who buy or build houses in fire-prone areas?



### Stuart Tolchin On...LIFE How Was Your Birthday?

Well, fellow-evacuees, and other friends what did you think of my birthday festivities this year? April 26th, the birthdate of William Shakespeare, Marcus Aurelius,

Carol Burnett, and I, is often (or at least occasionally) marked by spectacular catatastophic displays. 1986 was a big one. The globally disastrous nuclear explosion at Chernobyl wiped out the eponymic Belarussian town of Tolchin, birthplace of my grandfather, now renamed and existing radioactively within the permanent Nuclear Wilderness. This year's April 26th calamity almost burned my house down and maybe yours as well.

After mandatory evacuation was ordered my wife and I threw a few things into our cars and joined the line of traffic attempting to leave the canyon. On the radio sychronistically a portion of "War of the Worlds" was replayed. Notwithstanding the traffic, the watertrucks, the helicopters and airplanes above, I strongly identified with the position of The Last Man on Earth. I had no idea where I was going, what I was doing, and yet I was strangely calm.

As I waited for the traffic to clear I reflected on the day. My wife and I had attended the LA Times Book Festival. It was wonderful! We attended two events featuring octogenarians in wheel chairs each of whom in a relaxed and charismatic way effortlessly entertained awe-struck audiences of a couple of thousand people.

The two men, Gore Vidal and Ray Bradbury are very different men. He is not one of us; he is impossibly erudite and knowledgeable and seems to be intimately acquainted with every living person of note who existed in the last Century. I believe him to be one of the most well-known people in the world. As I reflected on his grace before the massive audience the young girl next to me, a UCLA undergraduate biology student leaned over to me and whispered, "Who is this

I quickly tried to educate her; "Gore Vidal has written about everything", I informed her. "His most enjoyable book is probably Burr." "Burr, I know who he is," she said. "He's in the Got Milk commercial where he kills that guy, Thomas Jefferson." I laughed, made no correction and just said "listen, you'll like him." She did and enjoyed the great raconteur and she joined in the standing ovation in the end. Mr. Vidal's presentation was simply that there are still some amazing people in the world, people like him, and that one should not despair. Just vote Democratic and hope for the best. Things probably won't get much worse.

Hours later Ray Bradbury was wheeled into the room. Another kind of genius one of us—who had written his novels across the quad in the rent a typewriter section of the library. He explained the secret of life -DO WHAT YOU LOVE AND LOVE WHAT YOU DO—and everything will probably be fine. I kept the lessons of this two men and the example of the young uninformed student in mind as I watched the expansion of the fire and drove away listening to Orson Wells describe he end of the world. I knew it was really not the end of the world just perhaps the end of one cycle of my life and the beginning of another. Just like the young student there is always time to learn more and every event is the opportunity for new learning. Life holds many surprises and so far it's been a lot of fun—the glass is always at least half full---even on my scary birthday.

## LEGAL NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-0625503

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1. GRB ENTERPRISES GERASBIZ.COM, 4742 W. 7th ST., LAWNDALE, CA 90260. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) GERARDO RAMON RITCHEY, 4742 W. 167th ST., LAWNDALE, CA 90260. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: GERÁRDO RAMON RITCHEYThis statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/10/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to

transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-0762235

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1. JESUS doing business as: 1. JESUS KING OF KINGS 2. KING OF KINGS SCRIPTSHIRTZ, 1518 S. CONCORD LANE, GLENDORA, CA 91740. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RICHARD ROJAS, 1518 S. CONCORD LN., GLENDORA, CA 91740. This Business is conducted AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RICHARD ROJAS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/30/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/29/08.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0762236 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1. MOON MEALS

2. MOONMEALS.COM, 209 S. VIOLET AVE. APT. N, MÓNROVIA, CA 91016. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MYRNA NOEMI BOHI M., ARI ALEXIS BOHI M., ROBERT V. BOHI, 209 S. VIOLET AVE. APT. N. MONROVIA, CA91016. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: ROBERT V. BOHI. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/30/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1. CREATIVE MIND ASSOCIATES2.CREATIVEMINDS **TECH.COM,** 209 N. BROADMOOR AVE., WEST COVINA, CA 91790. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DANIEL ANTHONY BROOKS. DANIEL ANTHONY BROOKS, 209 N. BROADMOOR AVE., WEST COVINA, CA 91790, ROBERT VINCENT BOHI, 209 S. VIOLET AVE. #N, MONROVIA, CA 91016. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: DANIEL BRROKS. This statement

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0762238 following person(s) doing business as:
I ENTERPRISES ENTREPRENEURSHIP MALL, 209 S. VIOLET AVE. APT. N, MONROVIA, CA 91016. Full name vincent Bohl, 209 S. VIOLET AVE. APT. N, MONROVIA, CA 91016. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ROBERT VINCENT BOHI. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ABCD COMPANY**, 9635 CAMINO REAL, ARCADIA, CA 91007. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) YUK LING HO, 9635 CAMINO ŘEÁL, ARCADIA, CA 91007. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: YUK LING HO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/30/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or

names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-0741887

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ATLANTIC CAR WASH, 7700 ATLANTIC AVE., CUDAHY, CA 90201. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) BEST WEST CAR WASH, INC., 7466 BEVERLY BLVD. #104, LOS ANGELES, CA 90036. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION.
Signed:. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/28/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/22/08.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-0761465

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **B'KAZ FASHION**, 4710 WHITTIER BLVD., L.A., CA 90022. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LUIS GARCIA, 2725 N. BROADWAY, L.A., CA 90031. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LUIS GARCIA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/30/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0759714 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **DISCOTECA 2000**, 542 S. BROADWAY STE. #16, LOS ANGELES, CA 90013. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RAFAEL MORENO, 1387 E. 56<sup>th</sup> ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90011. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RAFÁEL MORENO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on ant(s commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2/1/2005.

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File No. 08-0741417 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **GOLDEN STATE** 

FEATHER & DOWN, 1460 NAUD ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JANET NGUYEN, Ĭ015 S. ÀŤLANTIĆ BLVD. ALHAMBRA, CA 91803, JESUS JIMENEZ, 5259 FOSTORIA ST., CUDAHY, CA 90201. This Business is conducted by: CO-PARTNERS. Signed: JESUS JIMENEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/28/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-0749448

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **HAND CRAFTED LOS** ANGELES, 5743 SMITHWAY ST. #104, COMMERCE, CA 90040. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) GARY BRANDT, 5743 SMITHWAY ST. #104, COMMERCE, CA 90040. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: GARY BRANDT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/29/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-0741648

The following person(s) is (are) doing businessas: HOUSEOFNYMPH,8635 SOMERSET #214, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JULIE LAZAIRE, 8635 SOMERSET #214, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JULIE LAZAIRE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/28/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-0759731

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: STAAR POOL SERVICE, 2927 GRAMERCY STREET, POMONA, CA 91767. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PAUL DOUGLAS BEAN SR., 2927 GRAMERCY STREET, POMONA, CA 91767. This Business is conducted AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: PAUL DOUGLAS BEAN SR.. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/30/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names

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FILE NO. 2008-0760088 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT USE **FICTITIOUS** BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: DISCOTECA 2000, 240 S. BROADWAY, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 02/01/2005 in the county of Los Angeles. The business was conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL.** The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) SIGNED: RAFAEL MORENO. Publish: MountainViews-Observer Pub. 5/05, 5/12, 05/19, 05/26/2008

FILE NO. 2008-0762117 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT USE **FICTITIOUS** BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: JERICO AUTO BODY, 2215 E. FLORENCE, **HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255.** The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 03/30/2006 in the conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) SIGNED: GUILLERMO G. GUDIEL

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File No. 08-0662907 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CBS HAIR STUDIO**, 913 E. LAS TUNAS DR., SAN GABRÍEL, CA 91776. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) FAN YI LIN, 8815 E. MISSION DR. APT. B, ROSEMEAD, CA 91770. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: FAN YI LIN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/16/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0652447

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CHAKRA DOG MUSIC, 2115 ESTRELLA AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA 90007. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SHERIE ESTHER DAVIS, 2115 ESTRELLA AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA 90007. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SHERIE ESTHER DAVIS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/15/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-0675823

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **COMMUNITY** SERVICES, PERLITA AVENUE, L.A., CA 90039. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RUSSELL MILTON, 3529 PERLITA AVENUE, L.A., CA 90039, AMIR ROFOUGARAN, 2173 STRADELLA ROAD, BEL AIR, CA 90077. This Business is conducted by: A **GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed:** RUSSELL MILTON. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/17/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/13/08.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-0677334

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **EBI GHODOOSHIM** & APPAREL, 819 STREET SUITE 1207 TEXTILE LOS ANGELES, CA 90014. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) YAHYA GHODOOSHIM, 383 N. LAPEER DR. APT. #106, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90211. This Business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: YAHYA GHODOOSHIM. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/17/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above

on 4/1/2008. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. Anew Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-0677333

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ESSI JEANS**, 744-A BROADWAY, LOS ANGELES, CA 90014. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ESMAEIL SHAYESTEH KHORRAM, 19204 FRIAR ST., TARZANA, CA 91335. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ESMAEIL SHAYESTEH KHORRAM. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/17/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/1/08. **NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. Anew Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-0652446

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GLAMOUR HAIR STYLERS, 1907 WEST BADILL STREET, COVINA, CA 91790. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ROCIO ZEGARRA BORDA, 14402 HALLWOOD DR., BALDWIN PARK. CA 91706. This Business is conducted AN INDIVIDUAL. ROCIA ZEGARRA BORDA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/15/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names

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File No. 08-0643884 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **NDUKWE** INTERNATIONAL ART COMPANY, 7414 S. HARVARD BLVD., L.A., CA 90047. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LATRESCHE HAMILTON, 7414 S. HARVARD BLVD., L.A., CA 90047. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LATRESCHE HAMILTON. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/14/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or

names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. Anew Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME **STATEMENT** 

File No. 08-0662238 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE CENTER FOR EDUCATION & AGING RESOURCES/SENIORS ALIVE AT 65, 904 NORTH LA BREA-2<sup>nd</sup> FL., INGLEWOOD, CA 90301. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) HOSANNA COMMUNITY CHURCH, 10866 WASHINGTON BLVD. #215, WASHINGTON BLVD. #215, CULVER CITY, CA 90232. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: BISHOP EUGENE HOLLY. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/16/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious

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business name or names listed above in 1995.

under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-0651559

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WENDIE GUO INSURANCE SERVICES, 2228 INDIANA AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA 90032. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) WANYI GUO, 2228 INDIANA AVÉ., LOS ANGELES, CA 90032. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: WANYI **GUO.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/15/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-0632931

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **WESTERN NAILS SPA**, 316 N. WESTERN AVE. #B, SAN PEDRO, CA 90732Full name of registrant(s) is (are) UYENGIAO H. LE, 2256 GRIFFIN AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA 90031. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: UYENGIAO H. LE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/11/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names

listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-0703987

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **APPRAISERS** EXEL, 12902 GRAYSTONE AVE., NORWALK, CA 90650. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LENIN P. CHAVEZ, 12902 GRÀYSTONE AVE., NORWALK, CA 90650. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LENIN P. CHAVEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/22/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-0724134

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CELERS "R" US**, 936 S. BURLINGTON AVE. #303, LOS ANGELES, CA 90006. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CARLOS P. RUAÑO, 936 Ś. BURLÍNGTON AVE. #303, LOS ANGELES, CA 90006. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CARLOS **P. RUANO.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/24/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact name or names listed above on N/A.

business under the fictitious business **NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. Anew Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0686426 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CHOSEN CONCEPTS**, 9112 S. 7th AVE., INGLEWOOD, CA

90305. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ELNOR JOHNSON, 9112 S. 7th AVE., INGLEWOOD, CA 90305. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ELNOR JOHNSON. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/18/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/1994

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0723731

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **DAY & NIGHT** ADJUSTERS, 14630 VALLEY BLVD. #F, LA PUENTE, CA 91746. Full name #F, LA PUENTE, CA 91740. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ALEJANDRO VILLEGAS, 6078 FULL ST., CORONA, CA 92880. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ALEJANDRO VILLEGAS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/24/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1999.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-0701992

The No. 08-0/01992
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PERSUE, 2111 N. SAN GABRIEL BLVD. #G7H. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TIENIU WANG, LIPING SHAO, 516 S. HIDALGO AVE. #C, ALHAMBRA, CA 91801. This Business is conducted by: A CENERAL PARTNERSHIP Signed. GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: TIENIU WANG. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/22/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above

on 1/1/2008. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. Anew Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-0724276

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **REVOLUTIONARY IMAGES**, 15120 BELLOTA AVE., PARAMOUNT, CA 90723 Full name of registrant(s) is (are) EDWIN BLANCO, 15120 BELLOTA AVE., PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: EDWIN BLANCO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/24/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact

business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. Anew Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: MountainViews-Observer

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-0724325

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ROCSTAR FOTOS, 205 W. ALTADENA DR., ALTADÉNA, CA 91001. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) EDUARDO PIMENTEL, 205 W. ALTADENA DR., ALTADENA, CA 91001. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: EDUARDO PIMENTEL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/24/08. The registrant(s) has (have)

commenced to transact business under

the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0724614 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SIMPLICITY EVENTS WEDDING AND EVENT COORDINATION, 8427 VICKI DR., WHITTIER, CA 90606. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) GUADALUPE CARRERA, 8427 VICKI DR., WHITTIER, CA 90606, CARMEN ALANIZ, 8330 MORRILL STREET, WHITTIER, CA 90606, JAMES M. JUAREZ JR., 1630 NEIL ARMSTRONG ST. UNIT 204, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. This Business is conducted by: AGENERAL

PARTNERSHIP. Signed: JAMES M. JUAREZ JR.. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/24/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. Anew Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-0704094

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SUBLIMINAL EVENTS, 5701 S. EASTERN AVE. #630, COMMERCE, CA 90040. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) REACH DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS GROUP, INC., 10222 ROSECRANS AVE., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed:. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/22/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-0723029

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **TOMMY TA**, 420 BOYD ST. STE. 501, LOS ANGELES,

MountainViews-Observer 280 W Sierra Madre Blvd. No. 327 Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024 Office: 626.355.2737 Fax: 626.609.3285 Email: editor@mvobserver.com Website: www.mvobserver.com

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CA 90013. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TRUNG HONG TA, 340 W. LAS FLORES AVE., ARCADIA, CA 91007. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: TRUNG **TA.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/24/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0703662 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **VUITTON INTERNATIONAL**, 1151 SONORA AVE. #209, GLENDALE, CA 91201. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOYCE O'RILEY, 1151 SONORA AVE. #209, GLENDALE, CA 91201. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JOYCE O'RILEY. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/22/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under

listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)

the fictitious business name or names

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The following person(s) is (are) doing businessas: A.I.O.INTERNATIONAL, 1518ORCHARDAVE., LOSANGELES, CA 90006. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SIMON HWANG, 1518 ORCHARD AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA 90006. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SIMON **HWANG.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/04/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names

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#### **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME** 4/14, 4/21, 4/28, 5/05/2008 STATEMENT File No. 08-0596138

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ALTADENA** CONNECTION, LLC, 264 S. LA CIENEGA BL. SUITE 1186, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90211. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ALTADENA CONCRETE CONNECTION, LLC, 264 S. LA CIENEGA BL., STE. 1186, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90211. This Business is conducted by: A LLC. Signed: CHRIS GAINES. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/07/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0586245 The following person(s) is

RELLA doing business as: **BELLA MOULDINGS**, 6241 MAYWOOD AVE., HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JASON TIRADO, 6241 MAYWOOD

Owned and Operated by NRT Inc

AVE., HUNTINGTON PARK, CA GROVE, CA 92844. This Business is 90255. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JASON TIRADO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/04/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0587685

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ECONOMIC REMODEL** INTERIOR & EXTERIOR SYSTEM, 1200 WEST 74<sup>th</sup> ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90044. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ALEX DIEGO, 1200 WEST 74th ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90044. This Business is conducted AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ALEX **DIEGO.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/04/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names

listed above on 3-3-2003. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0603631 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FOREVER LIVING WHITTIER BL., MONTÉBELLO, CA 90640. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LUCY V. CABRERA, 1863 STARFALL DR., WEST COVINA, CA 91790, ELVIRA RUIZ, 936 ADAMS AVE., 1863 STÁRFALL MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. This Business is conducted by: CO-PARTNERS. Signed: LUCY V. CABRERA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/08/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

MONROVÍA, CA 91016. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARIAKABAYAN, 1385 N. HILL ST., PASADENA, CA 91104. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARIA KABAYAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/09/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business

name or names listed above on N/A.

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-0604159

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **KIDS SHOE WORLD**, 3 DEL AMO FASHION CENTER #210, TORRANCE, CA 90503. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) INT'L. FURNITURE RESOURCE, INC., 13161 NEWLAND ST., GARDEN

Signed:. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/08/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0596173 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LA SUPERIOR RANCH MARKET, 9703 STATE ST., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) FRANCISCO M. ALVAREZ, 1022 S. REXFORD LN., ANAHEIM HILLS, CA 92808. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: FRANCISCO M. ALVAREZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/07/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on JAN. 24

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### STATEMENT

File No. 08-0604161 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LEGAL BOOKS and** FORMS DEPOT, 7510 SUNSET BLVD. #170, LOS ANGELES, CA 90046. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DWIGHT CUNNINGHAM, 1680 NO. VINE ST. STE. #303, LOS ANGELES, CA 90028. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: DWIGHT CUNNINGHAM. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/08/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 080604139 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: K.B. FLOOR & KITCHEN, 840 S. MYRTLE AVE., name of registrant(s) is (are) DWIGHT CUNNINGHAM, 1680 NO. VINE STE. 303, LOS ANGELES, CA 90028. This Business is conducted by INDIVIDUAL. Signed: DWIGHT CUNNINGHAM. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/08/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-0613711

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PAY STAR, PAY TIME,** 4712 ADMIRALITY WAY #450, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) G&D DISTRIBUTION, INC., 4712

ADMIRALITY WAY #450, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: A. DARNELL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/09/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0614850 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SUPPLY**, 330 W. 11<sup>th</sup> ST. #108, L.A., CA 90015. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LAWRENCE GRADEL, 330 W. 11th ST. #108, L.A., CA 90015. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LAWRENCE GRADEL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/09/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names

listed above on N/A.

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME **STATEMENT** File No. 08-0596540

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THAI TABLE EXPRESS RESTAURANT, 40008 10<sup>th</sup> STREET WEST, PALMDALE, CA 93551. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TASAN CORPORATION, 18434<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> FARJARDO ST., ROWLAND HTS., CA 91748. This Business is conducted A CORPORATION. Signed: PORNPIMOL TEMTHITIRAT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/07/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under

the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)

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#### 0803MBP File No. 20080634272 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: ANYTHINGWEB.NET

47 E. Montecito Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Full name of registrant (s) is (are)

Kristofer Youngstrom 311 Auburn Avenue Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024. The business is conducted as: AN INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on April 11, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.
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#### 0804MBP File No. 20080634273 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: NICK SMART 912 E. 3rd Street #303 Los Angeles, CA 91103. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) NICK SMART 912 E. 3rd Street #303

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No. 20080531489 FICTITIO BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: M AND M SERVICE AND REPAIR 15916 S. Figueroa St

Gardena, CA 90248 Full name of registrant(s) is (are) Carlos E. Hernandez 15916 S. Figueroa St Gardena, CA 90248. The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Mar 27, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business

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17080ÍCC 170802EH File No. 20080550053 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

**STATEMENT** The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: T.L.C. CONSTRUCTION

411 W. 4th St #6

Long Beach, CA 90802
Full name of registrant (s) is (are)
Christopher Robert Gourgaud 411
W. 4th St. #6 Long Beach, CA 90802. The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Mar 31, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names

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Code) First filing: 04/26; 05/03; 05/10 and 05/17, 2008 170802EH

#### 170803CC File No. 20080531488 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME **STATEMENT**

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: KAL AUTO SALES 15916 S. Figueroa St Gardena, ČA 90248 Full name of registrant (s) is (are) KAL INVESTMENT GROUP 15916 S.

Figueroa St Gardena, CA 90248. The business

conducted as: A CORPORATION. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Mar 27, 2008 The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names

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170804CC File No. 20080531487 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: I.D. AUTO SERVICE 15916 S. Figueroa St Gardena, CA 90248

Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SATURN SYSTEMS, INC. 15916 S. Figueroa. The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Mar 27, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names NOTICE-The Fictitious Name Statement

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#### File No. 20080531497 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME **STATEMENT**

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: ZBI ENTERPRISES

13312 1/2 Van Nuys Blvd

Pacoima, CA 91331
Full name of registrant (s) is (are)
Carlos M. Celaya 13312 ½ Van Nuys
Blvd Pacoima, CA 91331. The business
is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles

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#### 170806M File No. 20080692543 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

The following person (s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious

HUNAN VILLAGE RESTAURANT 1017 S. Glendora Ave West Covina, CA 91790

The name of the registrant (s) is (are) Hao Ou Yang 1017 S. Glendora Ave West Covina, CA 91790. The business was conducted as: AN INDIVIDUAL. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 04/16/2008. Original File #20080662667. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on April 21, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) ended to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 04/21/2008.

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170806M NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: FRANCES ZELKO MELLERUP CASE NO. GP012443

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of FRANCES ZELKO

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by SUSAN BARBARA MELLERUP in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. requests that SUSAN BARBARA MELLERUP be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority

the decedent

to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the

A HEARING on the petition will be held on 05/09/08 at 10:00AM in Dept. A located at 300 E. WALNUT ST., PASADENA. CA 91101

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in

person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from

the hearing date noticed above. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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## LOOKING UP

### DRIFTING STAR RINGS LIKE A BELL

Astronomers "listen" to a star and find its birthplace.

Photo By Aaron Dominguez

By studying in great detail the "ringing" of a planet-harboring star, a team of astronomers using the 3.6-meter telescope of the European Southern Observatory (ESO) have shown that it must have drifted away from the metal-rich Hyades cluster. This discovery has implications for theories of star- and planet formation, and for the dynamics of our Milky Way.

The yellow-orange star Iota Horologii, located 56 light-years away in the southern constellation Horologium ("the Clock"), belongs to the so-called "Hyades stream," a large number of stars that move in the same direction.

Previously, astronomers using an ESO telescope had shown that this star harbors a planet, more than twice as large as Jupiter and orbiting the star every 320 days.

But until now, all studies were unable to pinpoint the exact characteristics of the star, and hence to understand its origin. A team of astronomers led by Sylvie Vauclair from the University of Toulouse, France, therefore decided

"In the same way as geologists monitor how seismic waves generated by earthquakes propagate through the Earth, thereby learning about the inner structure of our planet, it is possible to study sound waves running through a star, which forms a sort of large, spherical bell," says Vauclair.

The "ringing" from this giant musical instrument provides astronomers with plenty of information about the physical conditions in the star's

And to "listen to the music," the astronomers used one of the best instruments available. The observations were conducted in November 2006, during eight consecutive nights with the state-ofthe-art HARPS spectrograph mounted on the ESO telescope at La Silla, Chile.

Up to 25 "notes" could be identified in the unique dataset, most of them corresponding to waves having a period of about 6.5 minutes.

These observations allowed the astronomers to obtain a very precise portrait of Iota Horologii: Its temperature is 6,150° K, its mass is 1.25 times that of the Sun, and its age is 625 million years. Moreover, the star is found to be more metal-rich than the Sun by about 50%.

to use the technique of "asteroseismology" to try to unlock the star's secrets. lota Horologii b

Stellar Data for lota Horologii

Yellow Dwarf

56 Lightyears

Type of Star: Spectral Class: Distance: Luminosity:

Mass: 1,03 Solar Masses Surface Temperature:

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"These results show the power of asteroseismology, when using a very precise instrument such as HARPS," says Vauclair. "They also show that Iota Horologii has the same metal abundance and age as the Hyades cluster, and this cannot be a coincidence."

The Hyades is an ensemble of stars that is seen with the unaided eye in the Northern Hemisphere constellation Taurus ("the Bull"). This open cluster, located 151 light-years away, contains stars that were formed together 625 million years ago.

The star Iota Horologii must have thus formed together with the stars of the Hyades cluster but must have slowly drifted away, being presently more than 130 light-years away from its original birthplace. Iota Horologii thus provides important evidence for understanding how stars drift and move on the galactic highways of the Milky

If you'd like to learn more, you can contact Bob at b.eklund@mvobserver.com

### From the Inside Out

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#### BRAIN FOG

emergency to snap you into a major adrenaline state. Take last Saturday there we were, cleaning up the Essick House after the Woman's Club's great Fashion Show, and Beth got a call from her daughter, whose friends out jogging along Santa Anita saw the fire. "Oh," I said, and called home - considerably closer to the mountains. "And you expect me to do what?" Well, an ounce of preparation, etc, etc.

When finished, I drove along Grandview. Fabulous view of fires and choppers dumping water, one of which decided to use the settling ponds as its refill station! Wow! Called home because my shutterbug would love this major photo op. No answer. Um, a missed message? Oh, the Sierra Madre Emergency Communications Team (our in-town ham radio group) to which I belong, had been activated by our Police Department. I needed to get my butt in gear and get to the field command post. Um. Home, call in, change clothes ... what do they need at the CP? Chairs? What about food, TP, pener towals protect? Well mode are coming. Lib hub. It's paper towels, water? Well, meals are coming. Uh huh. It's already been 7 hours from my last meal, so I raid the 'fridge and show up with sufficient protein and snacks to last until the burgers arrive about 9 pm. Yes, we know what to do with our equipment, but what about the physical bodies operating the equipment? Us, for example? And my first question once I got there was, how are we planning to spread ourselves out? Having all 8 on duty at once is unsustainable over 24 hours. We're a small group, can we handle this? Or do we need to call on outside resources?

We sorted things out. Our four most "techie" went off to set up the base stations at the YAC and Senior Centers, the rest of us hand-helds deployed to the streets to monitor and communicate the traffic situation so that emergency vehicles had easy access, and to talk to those asking questions. One member of the team relayed a resident's question about whether someone was going to do something about the fire approaching the dam? A few moments later sirens screamed out into the night, and three minutes later the first mandatory evacuation was called for canyon residents and everyone living north of Grandview. What an adrenaline rush!

For almost 60 hours, the adrenaline raged. Sleep? One to four hours at a stretch, nerves twanging all the time. Emails to keep the Sheriff's county ham Disaster Communications Service

There's nothing like an unexpected up to date in case we needed to call in more hams to share the load. When I thought we might have to evacuate, my brain refused to function and I collected the oddest assortment of unusable things (including my expired passport!). By Monday afternoon I was aware of a neurological red haze, which got settled to a soothing green in 10 minutes when a friend helped me deal with them over the phone. Monday evening grabbed an hour at work to focus on a critical information package waiting for me.

> Tuesday morning our group was deactivated; I did some personal errands, tried to sleep before going to work again. Uh, family called.

While taking care of others, I almost totally ignored taking care of me. You KNOW I know how important food is. KNOW how critically I rely on fresh fruits and veggies, and fresh greens and fruits, and protein. Why? The "usual". Partly the adrenalized "no time" sensation, partly the "not supposed to eat anything with gluten or dairy" (which eliminated most of the foods available at the YAC), so I literally starved myself in the service of the greater whatever".

Until, of course, Wednesday rolled around. There I am, merrily at work, and at one question it was like a switch in my brain turned "off" and I couldn't think! What were my passwords? Um. Mary, what are we going to do about this? Um. My usual sparking brain relay connections were just not there. Why? What's this sudden "brain fog"? Duh! I had used up enough reserves that my body activated it's own emergency protective measures. And since the heart is the last to go, my body began by shutting down from the outside in, and the brain was the first to go. It's coming back, but there's now a deep knowing that, if I want to be bright and sunny and active for the rest of my life, nutrition

must be at the forefront of self care. It's not just a "good thing to do", but is essential. Living in a brain fogged state is not part of my life plan.

Anyone else out there experiencing brain fog? If you can't (or won't) make it at home, visit Nora at our juice shop for daily input of fresh veggie juice. Get that adrenaline rush under control. Sleep (during which your body does its healing). FEED YOUR BRAIN



By Virginia Olive Hoge



Mt. Wilson Now! A live image from the Towercam atop the UCLA 150-foot Solar Tower telescope on Mt. Wilson. The Towercam operates 24 hours a day. To view go to: www.

of professional development atop Mount Wilson. Arranged by Felicity Swerdlow, PUSD Directory of Secondary Curriculum, iMount Wilson federal Teaching American History grant. Historian and author Michele Zack planned the agenda and led the tour on a beautiful Spring day.

We began with a ìfield lectureî by Caltech Professor and geologist Leon Silver on telescopes on the mountain, the way up Angeles Crest two of which have been in Highway. Silver explained that continuous operation since our local San Gabriels are on the day of their inception: the two tectonic plates, and made up of very fragmented rocks 150í Solar telescope (these constantly being crushed by the movement of the Pacific plate grinding into the North American plate as the two move in different directions (do you ever think about how we live in the midst of this HUGE geological battle, right under our feet?). This "squeezing" has a beneficial effect, however. It gives our mountains deep interior crevasses that soak up and store water, and furrows whose purple shadows make them especially beautiful!

peak (our bus driver was very careful on the way up, which we all appreciated) we disembarked taken to find Don Nicholson, Tim Thompson, Gale Gant, and Robin Mason waiting for us. Don is an extremely fit 90year old with a strong personal connection to the mountain. His father spent a long career there, and Don is one of the founding members of MWOA the Mount Wilson Observatory association. Tim Thompson is its current president, and Gale Gant is secretary. Robin Mason and her husband Todd are film makers who have recently completed iThe Journey to Palomar,î a film on the life of Mount Wilson founder, George Ellery Hale. It will air on PBS in fall, 2008.

First, it was off to the Museum photographic exhibition (still in place) by my grandfather, Edison R. Hoge, in its gallery space. We then had presentations in the museumís auditorium by Don Nicholson and Robin Mason. As Mason said during her talk, in previous days it was up to scientists to single-handedly establish and find funding for their research and institutions. In Hale's case, he was a prodigious fundraiser in addition to being a brilliant scientist and inventor! Hale's super-human abilities led him to establish what many in the scientific field consider to be the most important Observatory ever built, Mount Wilson Observatory. We are lucky to have this treasure in our backyard! Don Nicholson gave a presentation of the weekend on Saturday and science that has happened at Sunday beginning at 1:00. this observatory, including the

On April 16 a group of 27 discovery of the expanding PUSD science and history universe. Nicholson was careful teachers were treated to a day to point out that Edwin Hubble was not alone in this discovery, and he introduced us to the work of Milton Humason. This information is not widely known, and now our teachers Dayî was part of the districtís will be able to share this accurate historical information with students. The velocity of light and stellar interferometry (which tells us the size of stars) were also discovered at Mount Wilson.

> There are three solar are the two you can see from Pasadena). Telescope operator Steve Padilla, who was on shift, showed us the operating telescope and explained what it did.

After a boxed lunch, we toured the Monastery, which was built to house astronomers. The beautiful structure - designed by Myron Hunt - sits on the tip of a steep precipice and has a library with a stone fireplace, and a dining room with a mural of Emerson Barnard's "Map Once on top of Mount Wilson of the Milky War". Barnard created the large photo-college with original photographs taken by Observatory Observatory telescopes, some dating back to 1903. This historic building has been visited by many famous astronomers and scientists, including Albert Einstein. If only the walls could talk! Don Nicholsonís presentation was a good isecond-bestî.

We then toured the legendary 100î telescope (first light 1908), magnificent instrument. I might also add, as an artist, the telescope is a beautiful example of the high artistry of machinery design at the turn of the century. Tim Thompson held a light up so we could see the bottle-green glass of this 100î cast-glass mirror. All of the Mount Wilson telescopes are ìReflectorî telescopes, a factor (est. 1936), which has a back-lit that separated them from all previous Observatories.

> All-in-all, Mount Wilson day was a wonderful day, a day with an important objective: to teach PUSDís teachers about the great history of Mount Wilson Observatory.

> I urge you to become a member of MWOA, the very low yearly membership has many benefits and is a great way to stay in touch with what is happening on Mount Wilson. You can join here: http://www.mwoa.org/ membership.html

Private tours of Mount Wilson are available and can be booked on the Mount Wilson Observatory website: www. mwoa.org.

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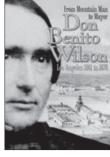
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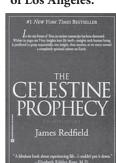


# Jeff's Di The Book Reports

Don Benito Wilson: From Mountain Man to Mayor Los Angeles 1841 to 1878 by Nat B. Read (2008)

As the second mayor of Los Angeles, Benjamin Davis Wilson's legacy lives on most famously in the name of Mount Wilson. But Wilson was also a prominent war captain, a State Senator, a founding father of U.S.C. and the grandfather of General George S. Patton Jr. His life parallels, and is at the center of, the rise of Los Angeles whether involving industry, agriculture, politics or transportation. In this comprehensive biography the author documents Wilson's incredible impact on Southern California, including his many landholdings, which would later become Pasadena, Culver City, Beverly Hills, Westwood, etc. He also, of course, also established our own Mt. Wilson Trial, originally for lumber. Thru following Wilson's life we get a look at the wild history and goings on of a most important time in the growth of Los Angeles.





The Celestine Prophecy by James Redfield (1993)
One of the most popular spiritual books of the 20th century, this novel discusses various psychological and spiritual ideas which are based in Eastern Traditions. The main character of the novel undertakes a journey, during which he finds and understands a series of nine spiritual insights taken from an ancient manuscript in Peru. The book is told in first person narrative about the narrator's spiritual awakening as he goes through a transitional period of his life. Can be life changing!

Recommended by Al Giordino Iceberg by Clive Cussler (1975)

Second in this wonderful series. Our hero, Major Dirk Pitt, is summoned from his vacation on the warm beaches of California and sent to the Arctic when an iceberg is discovered that contains the remains of a missing luxury yacht. The yacht was on its way to a top-secret meeting with the White House; now the entire crew is dead, incinerated at their posts. This discovery starts Pitt on a deadly adventure as he attempts to stop a multi millionaire madman from causing the collapse of the world's economy. **Great writing!** 



Book pics can be purchased or ordered at Sierra Madre Books (836-3200) Email recommendations or comments to jeffspics1@gmail.com

### Scene One - Take One DVD Review

L.A. Confidential (1997)



This must see cop thriller, based on James Ellroy novels, was one of the best films of the 1990s. L.A. Confidential is the real thing, a film noir, a sordid tale of sex, betrayal, scandal, and corruption of all sorts in 1950s Hollywood. Russell Crowe plays Detective Bud White, a tough cop who bends the rules in order to bring justice to the city, with the help of cops played by Kevin Spacey and Guy Pearce and Kim Basinger as a conflicted femme fatale hooker who seduces Crowe. Nominated for nine Academy Awards, the script won an Oscar and would have won best picture but it was up against Titanic. A rich and complex mystery with amazing performances!

The Red Balloon / White Mane (1953)

2 beautiful short films. In The Red Balloon, a boy spends a afternoon chasing a magical red balloon across Paris. The director cast his 6-year old son in the lead role, creating a memorable fable about friendship and loss.

In White Mane, after several cowboys fail, a young boy tames a beautiful white horse. Don't miss these two very enchanting French films about children.



that I learned to use in creating

a new life for myself after the

tragic death of my husband in a

fatal car accident just three days

before the release of the book," Moulton explains. "When I stepped back, adjusting to life

as a single mother, the book brought back clear reasons as to

why I wrote about farming and nature and how it relates to day-

to-day life. The book became my

family's tool for survival and the

handbook we use to continue on

with our new lives which I hope

will translate to my readers who

Recommended by Harold Chasen Before the Devil Knows You're Dead (2007)

A superb highly rated crime melodrama where the perfect crime goes horribly wrong; starring Philip Seymour Hoffman and Ethan Hawke as brothers, along with Albert Finney and Marisa Tomei. Directed by the famous Sidney Lumet. Some nudity, and graphic violence.

## Seasons Among the Vines: Life Lessons from The California Wine Country by Paula Moulton

LIFE LESSONS FROM THE VINES: INNOVATIVE BOOK BLENDS WINEMAKING TIPS WITH POIGNANT INSIGHTS INTO LIFE

"Seasons Among the Vines interweaves the practicalities of farming and making wine with the changes of the seasons and lifeMoulton ultimately gives the reader a story about life - and the emotional and spiritual development associated with farming and making wine." - Rob Loutherback, The Wine Club

"I am a farmer living in California," Paula Moulton says. To most people the mention of 'farmer' conjures up pictures of a man dressed in dungarees with a piece of hay dangling from the side of his mouth as words like 'darn,' 'dangit,' and 'little missus' slip from his tongue. The truth is I do not fit this picture at all. Instead, I'm more likely to be seen as a gal raising money for a charitable cause and dancing around at the benefit in an evening gown and a pair of sexy stilettos - yet I owned acres of land that I cultivated with my own manicured hands – on top of that I am a business woman, a mother, a widow, a winemaker and an author. This is my story in my own words"

Moulton has lived enough life for several people. She is sharing her unique story of struggle, despair, hope and triumph through her insightful memoir and wine making guide, Seasons Among the Vines: Life Lessons from the California Wine Country.

Moulton's poignant memoir is part manual on natural grape farming techniques that inspires readers outside the realm of farming. It is also an adventurous book; with heart-warming anecdotes and stories. Gardeners, lovers of good stories, and wine-loving suburbanites all will relish in the unique blend Moulton serves up.

'When I wrote Seasons Among the Vines I was writing about the metaphor or comparison of the seasons in nature to the emotions one feels during the process of farming," Moulton explains. "After the death of my husband, this later became the comparison of the seasons of nature with the emotions of life and the changes one must cope with. The farming lessons throughout the book became life lessons that contained two meanings: the literal meaning and the symbolic meaning."

Seasons Among the Vines is not just about farming and winemaking but also reveals: Being a woman in the male-dominated world of farming, life lessons learned through struggling with farming and nature, shifting from traditional to organic farming, the business side of the very complicated world of wine. "All the stories in the book have

hidden lessons attached to them

are facing life's many lessons." Paula Moulton grew up in a suburb of San Francisco. She graduated from Berkeley with a Bachelors Degree in Rhetoric and from Santa Rosa Junior College with an Associates Degree in Viticulture. She worked for a commercial printer and as a sports columnist before becoming a viticulturist and award winning winemaker. She currently lives in Sonoma, CA with her children, stepchildren and husband where she nurtures

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her grapes and her passion for





Heroes Behind the Scenes

What a difference a week makes! Last week I was making light of my jury duty experiences in downtown L. A., and this week I'm joining the other residents of Sierra Madre in thanking the many agencies that backed our volunteer fire department and our small police force to fight a nearly catastrophic hillside fire. Hundreds and hundreds of firefighters on land and in the air had to contend with higher than normal temperatures, rugged and dangerous granite terrain and brush that hadn't burned for at least 40 years. The police kept it all running smoothly by clearing the way for emergency vehicles and directing or redirecting vehicle and pedestrian traffic as needed. Animal Control assisted residents with their pets and the Red Cross set up two locations to assist evacuees. City staff did an absolutely stellar job, and Bill Coburn kept

those of us with computers apprised of the fire's progress on a regular basis. Thank you Bill.

On Monday afternoon I was out in my front yard when truck loads of jail inmates started down the hill after fighting the fire and cutting underbrush all day. I gave them a hearty thumbs-up and a thank you. They returned the thumbs-up enthusiastically and added earto-ear grins. I was very moved. I had known about prison inmate firefighters for a long time but wanted to know more, so I went online. I found out the following information:

The program has been in existence since 1940 and is run by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Not every inmate qualifies to be a firefighter. Those who do--male or female--must be physically fit and have no history of violent crime. Once chosen, inmates undergo a four-week program that includes training in fire safety and suppression. They are often sent to cut fire breaks in locations that can't be reached by heavy machinery (as in our case).

The financial rewards for risking life and limb against wildfires are small, a mere \$1.00 an hour, but the inmate not only gets to be outside, breaking the monotony of prison life, but also gives back to the community. In addition to the money, inmates earn two days of credit toward completing their sentences for every day they spend on fire lines. The program is a win-win situation because it saves the state taxpayers an estimated \$80 million per year. Firefighters have said it would be hard to work without them because the inmates are so well-trained, hard working and effective. They know what they are doing.

A sign on a home saved on Carter Avenue at Baldwin says it best--

God Bless Firefighters...Amen.

# HAPPENINGS...

By Pat Birdsall

### FYI:

### Mother's Day

On May 9, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson made the first official announcement proclaiming Mother's Day a national holiday that was to be held on the 2nd Sunday of May. It was here at the first observance that the carnation was introduced as a souvenir of Mother's Day. A tradition that has lasted to this day.

#### ~Helpful Hints~

Choose to reuse: Think twice before you toss those used dryer sheets. They're great as furniture polishing cloths; they remove static from clothing and hair, and are quick-and-easy fresheners for stored books, shoes and clothes.



Happy Birthday Juanita Loera and Barbara Soulanille



#### Recipe of the Month: **Quick Sauerkraut**

1 head green cabbage (about 2 ½ pounds), outer leaves removed, halved, cored and thinly sliced

½ cup distilled white vinegar 1 tbs. coarse salt

In a medium saucepan, combine cabbage, vinegar, salt and 14 cups water. Cover, and cook over medium, stirring occasionally, until cabbage is tender, 30 to 35 minutes (if bottom of pan starts to brown, add ¼ cup more water). To store, refrigerate up to 2 weeks. Makes 6

cups Classic Reubens

2 tbs. light mayonnaise

1 tbs. ketchup 1 tbs. sweet pickle relish

Coarse salt and ground pepper 1 tbs. butter 8 slices rye sandwich bread

½ lb sliced corned beef

1 1/3 cups Quick Sauerkraut 4 oz sliced Swiss cheese

1) In a small bowl, combine mayonnaise, ketchup, and relish: season with salt and pepper. Set aside. Butter bread; place, buttered side down, on a work surface. Spread 4 slices with mayonnaise mixture; top with corned beef, sauerkraut, and cheese. Sandwich with remaining bread, buttered side up.

2) In two batches, cook sandwiches, covered in a large skillet over medium-low, until bread is golden brown and cheese is melted.

#### For Your Funny Bone

The customer only wanted half a head of lettuce, and insisted the stock boy check with the manager before denying his request. The boy approached his boss. "Some moron wants to buy half a head of lettuce," he said. Just then he saw the customer was standing right behind him. "And this gentleman," he added quickly, "has kindly offered to buy the other half." Later the manager said, "That was some pretty quick thinking. Tell me, where are you from son?" "Canada, sir," the boy replied. "Really? And why did you leave?" "Because there's nobody up there but tramps and hockey players." "I see," said the manager. "You know my wife is from Canada." "Really?" said the boy. "What team did she play for?"

Every day of our lives we make deposits in the memory banks of our children. ~Marilyn Penland



#### <u>Activities:</u>

Unless listed differently, all activities are at the Hart Memorial Park (Senior Center) 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre

Lunch Program: Monday-Friday- Call (626) 355-0256 to reserve day before. Suggested donation \$2.00 for seniors, others- \$3.75.

Monday: Free Strength Training Class with Lisa Brandley 1:00- 1:45 PM Tuesday: Bingo: 1:30-3:30 PM .25c per

Yoga: 5:00 PM- Instructor, Andrea Walsh - \$6.00 for seniors

Wednesday: Open

only .25c per card

Thursday: Game Day- 1:30- 4:00 P M Poker, Bunco, Scrabble, Cribbage, Chess, Checkers, Backgammon, Pinochle...you

Yoga: 5:00-6:30 PM- For seniors and others who want to go slow (can be done in a chair) Instructor: Andrea Walsh \$6.00 for those 50 & over-\$7.50 for those under 50 To register call (626) 355-7394 Friday: Ping-Pong- 2:00-4:00 PM- Not

tournament, just for fun New~ Fridays: Adult Fitness Class-Noon-1:00PM at the Recreation Center

\$34.00 for 8 week course. Call (626) 355-7394 for info & reservations Saturday: Senior Club for those 55 and older- Brown bag lunch at 11:30AM Meeting at Noon and Bingo: 12:30 PM

#### Monthly Excursions:

From Sierra Madre to Fillmore where you will board a train to Santa Paula. A 3 course meal will be served in the vintage dining cars. There will be a walking tour of the heritage murals or you can explore the California Oil Museum. \$52.00 (includes bus, train & lunch) The trip has a high minimum requirement of 45 people, so ask a friend or two to join you.

\*For reservations and further information call Susan Clifton at (626) 355-7394 or stop by and see her at the Hart Memorial Park House- 9:00 AM-2:00 PM- Monday-Thursday

Free Consultation with Pasadena Attorney Geoffrey Chin- 2nd Wednesday of the month-10:00 AM - 11:30 AM-\*Appointments are a must. Call Susan Clifton at (626) 355-7394. \*Conflicting court schedules can occasionally cause cancellations.

Blood Pressure Clinic The SM Paramedics do blood pressure readings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 11-12:00 noon

<u>Hearing Loss after 50+</u> Dr. Lucy Shih will discuss treatment options currently available on Tuesday, April 22 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Arcadia Community Center 365 Campus Dr., Arcadia. One in three people age 60 and over, and half of those older than 85 have hearing loss. Hearing problems can be frustrating and even dangerous. For reservations call (626) 574-5130.

Meals-On-Wheels: Meals are delivered to homebound seniors through the YWCA Intervale lunch program M-F with frozen meals for the weekend. \$2.00 suggested donation per day

Call Susan Garcia at (626) 858-8382

## Back Page Journal



A Strangely New Yorkish Kentucky Derby

By Brad Eastland, Sports Editor

One of the great things about Sports is its ability to take a special memory and indelibly time-stamp it for all time while at the same time making it timeless.

I was thinking of just such a memory whilst watching last Saturday's Kentucky Derby on television. It was May of 1987, the time I took my little sister Marji to New York City. It was her first-ever visit there as an adult (she was there once before when she was two;

my mother dragged her around the Bronx Zoo tethered by a dog harness and leash), and such familial generosity on my part becomes never more relevant than now, as I am currently preparing to take my 11-year-old son to New York next month (the difference between him and his aunt being she was surprised and grateful, whereas he's been begging and badgering me to do this for years). Anyway, I was happy to do this service for Sis. She's a good egg, and definitely needed a little variety in her life

But sister or not, our last day in New York was still the "first Saturday in May", Derby Day, meaning I wasn't going to miss my one chance to bet on and then watch the Kentucky Derby in a gross Manhattan dive bar...

Which is exactly what I did. I dragged my sister (no leash, no harness) into one of Manhattan's many Off-Track Betting parlors (OTB for short), pulled out \$300 dollars, and bet it all to show (that means first, second, or third) on a then-unknown colt called Alysheba. He was an outsider, a longshot. Eight-to-one.

My sister hates horse racing. Like a lot of people, she can't abide grown men trying to figure out--and then actually wagering hard-earned wages on--which farm animal can outrun another. But she was more than willing to mortgage a couple hours of her trip to this foolhardy enterprise, for me. After all, I was the Galahad who introduced her to the Big Apple, right? I made my bet, we went next door to a wonderfully stereotypical Manhattan dive bar (meaning lots of cigarette smoke, depressed looking customers looking perfectly ready to kill themselves, rude, shorttempered bartenders), pulled up a couple of barstools, ordered up a couple of beers, peered through the smoke at the tiny TV as they loaded the gate, drank a toast to Alysheba and his fine jockey Chris McCarron, and by the time they rang the bell and sprung the latch I was pretty sure the colt would do well; maybe not win, but at least hit the board.

Around the far turn a quick colt called Bet Twice takes the lead. Almost immediately Alysheba takes up the chase, and when they straighten away into the stretch they're running one-two. Alysheba is gaining. I'm exhorting McCarron to do better: "Come on Chris, lash that lazy bleep, whip that s.o.b.!" and you can bet a few worse dive-bar type suggestions than that. One problem. Bet Twice was a great horse, but he was also, to put it charitably, erratic. He couldn't run a straight line. And now he's weaving his way down the stretch like a two a.m. drunk snaking his way across a parking lot in search of an invisible car. Sure enough, he weaves right in front of Alysheba, and Alysheba, horror of horrors, steps on him. No kidding. He clips Bet Twice's back heels, causing him to stumble to his knees, his nose almost hitting the ground. My heart stops dead in my chest. I scream out, "Oh, my bleeping God!" And sister Marji, not an especially astute racing observer, shouts, "What's the matter? Where's Alysheba? Where is he!" What a boob.

Anyway, somehow, some way, Alysheba keeps his four feet, re-rallies, avoids Bet Twice a second time as the latter weaves in front of him yet again, and forges boldly ahead 'close-home' to win by three quarters of a length. Many racing experts rate the brave son of Alydar's performance as the most courageous ever put forth in a major stakes race.

And me? After cursing myself for not betting the nag to win, I compose myself

and calculate my show-bet profit at about \$780 bucks, I which means the State of New York owes me almost \$1,100 dollars. We stroll next door to the OTB to cash

...where all the OTB pari-mutuel machines at that particular location are broken.

They can't explain it but I don't have time to argue, we have a shuttle flight to catch to Washington where our older brother is picking us up for the second half of our trip, so we take a cab to another OTB. The machines broken there too. They can't explain it but I don't have time to argue because now we're starting to get dangerously close to missing our flight. So we take a cab to another OTB...and another...and another...in and out of cabs for half an hour. It's becoming like some hysterical scene in a madcap Tony Curtis movie, except Tony never swore like I was swearing, I assure

To make a long story short, ALL the pari-mutuel machines in OTBs all over Manhattan are broken. Nobody in New York will cash a ticket on this day. Unbelievable. It's a by-god, city-wide OTB meltdown,

which means I am going to have to wait till I get back home to mail in my ticket for payment. Which also means I'm down to only about 40 bucks cash in my pocket to last me the rest of our vacation (Yeah yeah yeah, I know, I bet the whole wad on a horse race and so it serves me right...leave me alone.)

It's a perfectly great story if it ends there. But it doesn't. Brother Jeff picks us up at Dulles Airport, and its raining. Normally the advent of rain would be no big deal, except that brother Jeff is an antique and memorabilia dealer by trade, and the back of his truck is filled with all sorts of little brass trinkets that he has just purchased at some two-bit flea market or something, and he's in an unusually bad mood (even for him) because he's convinced the rain will rust and ruin his priceless antiques because he's got nothing to wipe the rain off with. Again, it's ol' Brad to the rescue. I casually mention that I have a bunch of dirty laundry he can use. Without discussion, Jeff tears into my suitcase. In no time at all we're all three grabbing handfuls of my dirty boxer shorts, and using them to scrub dry the brass pots and pans. We finish, the rain stops, brother Jeff buys a six-pack of beer to calm himself and we drink it on the way down to his Virginia farm. Which is to say he drinks five and Marji and I split one.

(Maybe the moral of this story is it pays to wear underwear. You never know when it might come in handy.)

I wonder what kind of timeless familial memory my son and I will make in New York next month. It probably won't have anything to do with beer or gambling or underwear, at least I hope not. But I'm sure Sports will be involved. It always is..



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Harry Sneider with one of his good friends. He and Arnold Schwarzenegger have known each other for nearly four decades.

### Senior Olympics Commence Next Month

By Brad Eastland, Sports Editor

Harry Sneider is one of those amazing, overachieving guys whose very existence causes you embarrassment...

This will be the 16th year Harry and his wife Sarah will be hosting the Powerlifting portion of the upcoming "California State Senior Olympics" at their Arcadia training center (The Senior Olympics are fast approaching, beginning June 7th and running through June 22nd.) He is both a lifelong sportsman and the respected, world-renowned fitness trainer of many fine athletes, including high jump legend Dwight Stones, Indy 500 winner Danny Sullivan, and, of all people, the fabled reclusive chess master Bobby Fischer.

But beyond all that, it is his own athletic accomplishments that make our poor efforts pale by comparison. Harry is a world record holder in the bench press for his age group, having hoisted a whopping 432 pounds six years ago...when he was "only" 61.

And he's handicapped. "I took a bad fall back in the late forties, when I was a kid,"

Harry explains. It was shortly after his family had escaped from Latvia into West Germany, in a successful effort to get away from the Russians. "It really messed up my hip, and then it developed into osteomyelitis. That's the same bone disease Mickey Mantle had. It can be very painful. I've had trouble walking ever since."

Harry is the author of a book on fitness, the trainer of scores of successful athletes, and a fitness guru par excellence. But it is the Senior Olympics which is his current passion.

"It's an open competition," says Harry with his customary enthusiasm, "anyone over fifty years old who wants to compete can sign up. There are separate divisions every five years above fifty...we've even had a couple people over a hundred years old compete!"

In addition to his weightlifting prowess, this is a man who used to play a mean game of racquetball, despite doing it mainly on one leg. But this is also not a man to feel sorry for: "I've been blessed," the always-upbeat Sneider states

proudly. "The people I've met and gotten to know have made my life wonderful." Among his many famous friends include Fischer, basketball great Pete Maravich, and, for nearly forty years, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

When asked what he likes best about his 16-year involvement with the Senior Olympics, Harry Sneider, as usual, had much to say: "It's about staying fit and being alive. Being productive. It's about not waiting around to die. The Senior Olympics isn't about competing against others, it's about people competing with themselves. It's about doing quality things as we age. It's about enthusiasm, joy, and hope..."

Editor's note: For information on the California State Senior Olympics, including entry fees, deadlines, and applications, check out www. pasadenaseniorcenter.org. you'd like more information on the Powerlifting competition--or any of the 27 events being offered at the Games, for that matter-please call Harry directly at 626-



Above, A brave Alysheba runs by Bet Twice in the Kentucky Derby.



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